



St. James' Notes



April 2018



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',

Who was fooled on Easter Sunday? Everyone who thought that Jesus was dead and gone, everyone whose heart was heavy with grief and despair.

Even Jesus' disciples were fooled. They believed that their moment in the sun was over, that the Jesus Movement had come to an abrupt and tragic finish.

Mary Magdalene at the tomb was fooled. She mistook Jesus himself to be the gardener, tending the grounds surrounding the empty tomb.

But Jesus spoke to her, he said "Mary," and in a moment of shock and joy, her eyes were opened to recognize Jesus standing before her.

Mary ran to tell the other disciples, "I have seen the Lord!" But they weren't about to let themselves be fooled by her... and so they remained fooled until later that evening, when Jesus appeared among them to say, "Peace be with you."

Death was fooled. Death thought that it was once again the victor. But God fooled death, and destroyed death's power over his people. And all of us, who know God's love and Christ's life, are filled with joy and laughter. We are no longer fooled!

In Christ,
Charles+

Shrine Mont Weekend Away Friday, July 6 to Sunday, July 8

Come join your parish family for some fellowship, worship, fun, and relaxation on our annual weekend away. The weekend starts on Friday evening and concludes early Sunday afternoon; and includes two nights lodging and six meals of comfort food. Enjoy hiking, reading, swimming, tennis, relaxing on the porch, and countless other activities. Experience Sunday morning worship in the open air Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration. Shrine Mont is located in Orkney Springs, VA, and please check out their website at www.shrinemont.com. Our

weekend will coincide with the annual Bishop's Jubilee. All children will be FREE. There will be a program for adults and children. More details to follow.

Please sign up on the poster in the gallery. If you have any questions, contact Aimee Bramley (571) 242-4837 ambramley@gmail.com).



St. James' Episcopal Church at Mount Vernon

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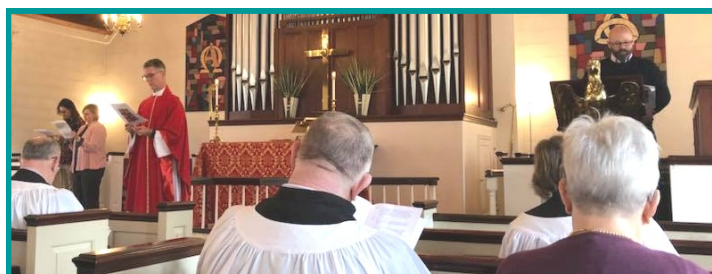
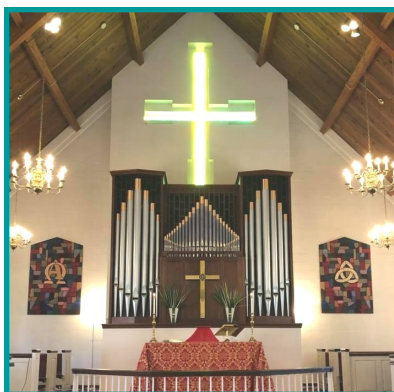
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Palm Sunday In Pictures



Bulletin Board

St. James' Next

St. James' Next will have its monthly meeting on Sunday, April 15, after the 10:15am Worship service in the back classroom for a fun activity. St. James' Next is a group for young adults and families with young children. Contact Mary Bramley (703) 629-9158 if you have questions.



Book Club Meets Next on April 12

The Book Club meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 1:00pm in the church library. Our book is *The Delight of Being Ordinary: A Road Trip with the Pope and the Dalai Lama* by Roland Merullo. Next month we meet May 10 to pick our list for the next reading season. Hope to see you there!

Theology on Tap

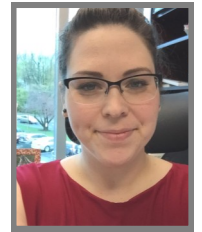
Join us on Thursday, April 19, at 6:30pm. We will be meeting at El Paso on Cooper Road where we will grab a drink and some food and explore issues and topics related to faith. For more information, contact Andrew Brown at brownad3@gmail.com Hope to see you there and bring a friend!



From the Junior Warden

Dear Friends,

St. James' has had an amazing start to the year. St. James' Next has been meeting monthly in the large classroom to discuss different ways to get involved and what things we would like to see at church. St. James' Next is a group for young adults and families with young children. Chris Marbaker has created an online community for the Next Group so we can share interesting articles, news, and the happenings around the Episcopal Church. I look forward to see what else will come from St. James' Next.



Theology on Tap has met twice, first to discuss the season of Epiphany and next to talk about Jesus as the bridegroom of the church. Andrew Brown has taken the leadership in making this event happen. See page 2 for information about the April meet up.

We have just completed a successful Lenten Sunday Supper series and thank you to all the cooks! We dove into how a hymn makes it from the hymnal to the bulletin and the Presiding Bishop and his vision for the future of the church.

Our Mission of the First Quarter is done and this month we collect funds for Alice's Kids. See page 4 for more information on Alice's Kids.

Did you notice the beautiful and bright windows in Braxton Hall? Thank you to the Bishop Peter Lee Grant and to everyone who made the 60 For 60 Campaign a success! Not only do the new windows match our other windows, but they are much more efficient in keeping the weather outside the building.

The big event coming up is our yard sale on a April 28. Thanks to those that have already donated their treasures. Special thanks to Laurie doCarmo, Cheryl Viani and Marghe Bowker for all the preparation work that goes into the Yard Sale with pricing, sorting and cleaning. Don't forget to bring in your items to be sold. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is on call to help with large items that you may need help with.

Lastly, we have the 60th Anniversary celebration on June 10. More information about this celebration picnic to follow.

We have a full year ahead of us and I look forward to celebrating with my church family.

Happy Easter!

Mary Bramley



Choir Notes

Dear friends,

Let me share with you a poem I found while thinking about this newsletter article:



EASTER

The air is like a butterfly
With frail blue wings.
The happy earth looks at the sky
And sings.

Joyce Kilmer

We are most likely to remember Joyce Kilmer for his poem, "Trees". That's what I was searching for when I found "Easter."

What do you think of when you think of trees? The sturdiness of an oak? Our reliance on the oxygen they produce? The crisp flesh of an apple or soft succulence of a ripe peach? A family tree? A tree in a Genesis garden. How about a sorrowful tree which bore Jesus' pierced body?

Soon we will celebrate Earth Day and rejoice in God's creation. We will sing of a loving shepherd and seeds we scatter to bring forth a rich harvest, and how "all nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres."

As an anthem that Sunday morning, I will ask all of you to join in that music of the spheres and help sing a hymn that has Hungarian roots, and comes to us via England and Alabama. *The Tree of Life* calls on many tree images: the Garden of Eden, a thorny tree at Golgotha, a welcoming, blessing tree of wisdom.

When we sing together, I hope we will hear all nature joined in Easter song. Perhaps the words are "Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!"

Soli Deo gloria,
Alan M

Prayers

Happy Birthday to

- 1 Eliot Tucker
- 11 Ellen Cleary
- 13 Muriel Sue Kerr
- 16 Mary Bramley
- 16 Pat Rowell
- 22 Henry Eustis
- 23 Justin Iber
- 25 Phil Trott
- 27 Isabel Spann
- 27 Lucas Thompson
- 28 Brady doCarmo

Happy Anniversary

- April 6, 1980 Bob & Mary Blair
- April 27, 2013 Celso & Antonia Rodriguez



We pray for strength, guidance and healing for: Esther, Muriel Sue, Kathey, Bob, Paula, Arlene, Melissa, Bryan, Phil, Sara, John, Julian, Lavin, Eddie and Curtis.



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!



Mission & Outreach

Second Quarter Mission ~ Alice's Kids

Alice's Kids works with teachers and counselors to identify children in our area with specific needs and anonymously pays for those items. The needs are usually the extras in a child's life like camps, or athletic equipment, prom tickets or musical instruments. On April 15 at our 10:15 worship service we have invited a representative from Alice's Kids to share a little about the organization and be available for conversation during coffee hour. Please plan to attend. If you would like to donate to Alice's Kids make your checks payable to St. James' and write "Alice's Kids" in the memo line.

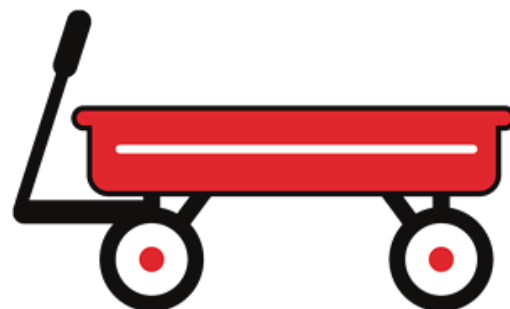


Rising Hope Food Pantry

Thank you for your continued support of Rising Hope Food Pantry! As always, your contributions to the Red Wagon are always greatly appreciated and greatly needed.

Food Pantry Needs: Canned meats, pasta, soup, rice, dry beans, canned tomato products, Canned vegetables, fruits, beans, cereal, powdered drink mix, coffee, tea, peanut butter, jelly, salad dressing, and dish soap

Emergency Family Needs: Men, women and children's clothing for Clothing Closet, toothpaste, deodorant, walking shoes/boots, sneakers, gift cards for food



About Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church

Rising Hope Mission Church serves the poorest in our neighborhood. In an average year it reaches nearly 8,000 individuals, supplies 2,000 families with food, and serves 18,000 hot lunches to the hungry. In addition to worship, Rising Hope offers Bible study, mentoring, and substance abuse counseling. Rising Hope connects the spiritual with the practical through job fairs, interview preparation, budgeting and financial classes, HIV testing, jail visitation, emergency housing referrals, summer Bible camp and more. Nearly 2/3 of Rising Hope's members are, or have been, homeless; many of its successful "graduates" return to volunteer. Rising Hope depends upon fits and grants from volunteers and non-profit organizations for its funding — it does not receive any Federal financial support.

News From the Diocese

Staff Changes at the Diocese of Virginia



Aisha Huertas has been promoted to director of mission, outreach and diversity for the Diocese of Virginia. Aisha joined the diocesan staff in 2015 and has served as intercultural ministries officer and director of communications. In her new ministry, Aisha will advocate for multicultural and ethnic-specific congregations, support the Diocese's international partnerships, manage grant opportunities, and expand the Diocese's domestic mission and outreach.



Julie Simonton has been promoted to director of congregational development and stewardship. She joined the diocesan staff in 2013 as officer for congregational development and stewardship. Her duties include creating comprehensive annual giving programs for churches and directing diocesan retreats, conferences and programming for annual conventions.



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA

Schedule of Ministry ~ April 1 to May 6

	April 1	April 8	April 15	April 22	April 29	May 6
	Easter	Easter 2	Easter 3	Creation Sunday	Easter 5	Easter 6
Celebrant	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock
Vestry Person	Peggy Rudesheim	Ray Smith	John Thompson	MaryJane VanDenBerg	Mary Bramley	Diana Courtney
Welcoming Team	All	Mike Morgan	Jane Wosoogh	Lib Mueller	Peggy Rudesheim	Laurie doCarmo
Ushers	Ray Smith Marge Smith	Peg Iber Chad Duffield	Wayne Johnson Fred Rudesheim	Ray Smith Marge Smith	Mark Braden McKayla Braden	Mike Morgan Barbara Riley
	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am
Chalice	Paul Vivian	Vicky Vivian	David Batcheller	Agnes Chapman	Stan Dawson	Paul Vivian
Lector	David Batcheller	Agnes Chapman	Stan Dawson	Janet Fallin	Paul Vivian	Agnes Chapman
Psalm	Paul Vivian	Vicky Vivian	David Batcheller	Agnes Chapman	Stan Dawson	Paul Vivian
Prayers	Peggy Rudesheim	Ray Smith	John Thompson	Mary Jane VanDenBerg	Mary Bramley	Diana Courtney
	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am
Sunday School	No Sunday School	Andrew Richard Rosemarie Richard	Andrew Brown Ally Brown	Mark Braden McKayla Braden	Heidi Brock Diana Courtney	Mark Braden McKayla Braden
	10:15am	10:15am	10:15am	10:15am	10:15am	10:15am
Chalice	Peg Iber	Chris Marbaker	Amber Tussing	Mike Morgan	Bill Iber	Marghe Bowker
Lesson 1	Cheryl Nostrand	James Eustis	Marghe Bowker	Alison Duffield	Mary Blair	Mary Lowe
Psalm	Bob Fitz	Sung	Sung	Sung	Sung	Sung
Lesson 2	Ben Justesen	Mike Morgan	Bill Iber	Lauren Richard	Bob Blair	James Eustis
Prayers	Suzanne Synnestvedt	TBD	Peg Iber	Aiden Kohler	John Thompson	Nancy Sherick
Sacraments	Taylor Family	Brown Family	Anne Patrick Barbara Riley	TBD	Lib Mueller Laurie doCarmo	Heidi Brock Diana Courtney
Acolyte	Aiden Kohler	Amber Tussing	Ben Justesen	Ryan Duffield	Elizabeth Lowman	Aiden Kohler
Organist	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser
Counter	Nancy Sherick	Jane Wosoogh	Wayne Johnson	Marge Smith	Marge Smith	Nancy Sherick
Altar Guild	Iber Team	Iber Team	Iber Team	Iber Team	Iber Team	Viani Team

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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
1 April Easter Sunday	2	3	4	5 10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry	6	7
8 April Easter 2	9	10 Vestry	11	12 10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry 1pm Book Club	13	14 8am Brotherhood Breakfast
15 April Easter 3 11:30am Next Meeting	16	17	18	19 6:30pm El Paso Theology on Tap	20	21
22 April Creation Sunday	23	24	25	26	27	28 Yard Sale
29 April Easter 5	30	1	2	3	4	5

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 April 28 ~ Collecting Now!

Clean out your closets, rummage in your attics, find out what's stored under the bed and donate your items for the Annual St. James' Yard Sale. Sale date is April 28 (rain date is May 5). Collection bins are in the Gallery and Braxton Hall. Large items are accepted, but please wait until the week before to bring. (No adult clothing.) Items that sell well: baby items, toys, house wares, house décor, kitchen items, jewelry, accessories, tools, wood furniture and collectibles. We need volunteers to help price, set up, work the sale and clean up. Questions? Contact Marghe Bowker, Cheryl Viani or Laurie doCarmo. Thank you!

