



St. James' Notes



April 2017



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',

During the season of Lent, we have been studying the 5 Marks of Love, a series based upon the Anglican Marks of Mission. These marks are the ways in which God's life expresses itself in us and through us. They are:

1. to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom. **TELL**
2. to teach, baptize and nurture new believers. **TEACH**
3. to respond to human need by loving service. **TEND**
4. to transform unjust structures, to challenge violence of every kind, and to pursue peace and reconciliation. **TRANSFORM**
5. to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth. **TREASURE**



Our discussion has helped us recognize how we at St. James' incarnate these marks, and show them forth in the world about us. Each of these marks is both a seed and a fruit... as we practice them, they grow to be a sign that is greater than us.

During Lent, we examine our lives to hold ourselves accountable to the gift we have received of God's love. Easter comes, and with it the knowledge that God's love cannot be defeated, and that we are bold to be the continuing presence of Christ in the world.

All Easter Blessings!
Charles+

April 29 Yard Sale

Collecting NOW!

We are collecting all items now and large items (furniture) after April 23. We need your help too! We will need help putting out signs around the neighborhood and help with set up on Friday, April 28. Of course there will be a bake sale, so please bring in your home baked goodies. Questions? Contact Marghe Bowker, Mary Bramley, Mike Morgan, Laurie doCarmo, or Cheryl Viani.



Shrine Mont Retreat

Mark Your Calendars

Please make a note that St. James' Weekend Away at Shrine Mont is Friday, June 30, to Sunday, July 2. This is a wonderful time in a beautiful place. Plan to come with your whole family.



Choir Notes

St. James' Episcopal Church at Mount Vernon

The Diocese of Virginia

The Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston
Diocesan Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff
Bishop Suffragan

The Rt. Rev. Edwin F. "Ted" Gulick Jr.
Assistant Bishop

The Rev. Charles F. Brock
Rector

Layton Porter
Seminarian

Staff

Jenny Kennedy
Parish Administrator

Alan Moser
Director of Music

Vestry

Ray Smith
Senior Warden
Admin & Finance

Mary Bramley
Junior Warden

Mark Braden
Christian Education

Ben Justesen
Plant & Property

Rosemarie Richard
Mission & Outreach

Peggy Rudesheim
Publicity, Growth, & Evangelism

Mike Morgan
Parish Family
Treasurer

Marge Smith
Register

Trustees

Peg Iber
Lib Mueller
Ray Smith

Dear St. James' friends,

A few days ago I received a post card announcing that the technicians would soon be here for an organ tune-up. I was excited! That periodic maintenance on the organ (it's more than just tuning – with the complexities of the electronic and mechanical components, something always needs a gentle nudge or tweak) lifts my spirits and I feel refreshed along with the instrument. If I could, I would sit and play for hours after the “tuners” leave.



As I was listening to Asher and David accomplish the “tuning,” I realized that not only can the organ be tuned to itself, but it is also tuned to an external standard, in this case, a specific pitch that is used throughout “modern” music – that pitch you hear the oboe play for an orchestra to tune up. It struck me that we that we also get tune-ups in our lives – and need to do so on a regular basis. The Choir tunes up not only on Sunday morning before the service, but also at Wednesday night rehearsals. They do this so that they can be both “in tune” and “attuned” to the morning’s music. We come to St. James’ on a Sunday morning to get our own spiritual tune-up. That may come from listening to music, being part of the liturgy, refreshing ourselves through the Eucharist, aligning ourselves to the standards of Christ’s teaching, or catching up with our church family during coffee hour.

Before you take a long car trip, I’m sure you make sure the automobile is ready – tires, oil, lights, alignment, etc. As we pass through the final days of Lent and prepare for the glorious journey of Easter Day, may each of us look for our own spiritual tune-up. I hope that our music will assist you in that effort.

Soli Deo gloria, Alan



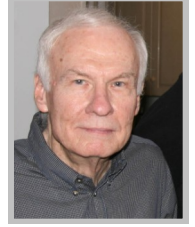
Thank you for Assisting in Worship During Holy Week

	April 13, 7:30pm	April 14, 7:30pm
	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday
Celebrant	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock
Vestry Person	Ray Smith	Ray Smith
Welcoming Team	Ray Smith	Marge Smith
Ushers	Ray & Marge Smith	Peg Iber, Barbara Riley
Chalice	Bob Fitz	
Lesson 1	Pat Rowell	Bill Iber
Lesson 2	John Thompson	Ben Justesen
Prayers	Marghe Bowker	
Sacraments	Peg Iber, Laurie doCarmo	
Acolyte	TBA	
Organist	Alan Moser	Alan Moser
Counter	Ray Smith	Ray Smith
Altar Guild	Viani Team	Viani Team

A Note from Your Junior Warden

Dear St. James',

Our St. James' church family meets on Sunday mornings for services to worship Our Lord. The service is always very uplifting and good. However, the Sunday service is rather serious and structured. A church family, as any other family, needs some time for socializing and fun. In order to maintain a balance between worship and fellowship, the St. James' Vestry will be scheduling various events during the coming year.



- On Easter Sunday, following the 10:15 service, there will be an egg hunt for the children.
- A yard sale will be held on Saturday, April 29. This sale will be a fund raiser but it also provides an opportunity for socializing.
- We will be starting a Family Game Night series beginning on Friday evening, May 5. This will be for those of all ages in our parish family and we are also encouraging you to invite your friends and neighbors to attend. We hope to make this a monthly event.
- We have the opportunity to attend a production of *EVITA* at St. Mark's Episcopal Church Capitol Hill on Friday evening, May 12. Our own Kevin Diana is the musical director for this production. Tickets will be available in April.
- Sunday afternoon May 21, there will be a Meet & Greet. This will be an opportunity for new and longtime members to meet and get to know one another.
- Our parish picnic will be Sunday, June 11 following the 10:15 service.

There will be more information coming out on these various events. Please plan to join with your parish family on these occasions.

Ray Smith

Mission and Outreach

We have two wonderful missions this second quarter of the year and hope you will be able to support the children in our area.

The first mission is **School Supplies** for kids through United Community Ministries, UCM. Yes, we usually collect in the summer – but we thought we would get an early start. UCM will identify the school children that need help with supplies and we provide the supplies. Please bring in new backpacks, pencils, paper, folders, note books, glue sticks, markers, etc. and place them in the collection basket provided in the gallery. We will be collecting from April to June.



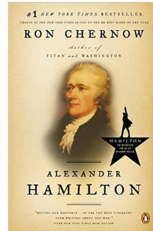
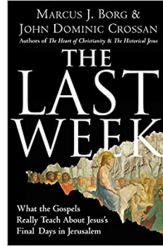
We are also happy to support a new mission: **Alice's Kids**. Alice's Kids is a local charity that has served children in Fairfax County for over five years. This charity is designed to financially help children. They filter requests from teachers, county social workers and school counselors, for students to afford prom tickets, get music lessons, purchase gym uniforms or even pay for summer camp. These are the little things that make a child's journey more enriching and

Alice's Kids does good work right here in Fairfax County. You can learn more about Alice's Kids from their website at www.aliceskids.org. We encourage you to make a financial donation by writing a check to St. James' and putting Alice's Kids in the memo line. We will collect all the donations and write one generous check to Alice's Kids in June. Thank you.



Book Club

Read with us! The book club meets once a month in the church library to share thoughts, hot coffee and fellowship. Our next meeting is Thursday, April 13, 1pm and we will discuss *The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Final Days in Jerusalem* by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan. This book reveals a radical and little-known Jesus and explores the details of events during the week leading up to Jesus's crucifixion. In May we meet on Thursday, May 11, 1pm and for the summer we will read *Hamilton* by Ron Chernow.



Happy Birthday

- 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 Trott
- 27 Isabel Spann
- 28 Brady doCarmo



A Thank You Note to St. James'

From: Rising Hope Mission Church

Thank you so much for the great lunch yesterday and the week before. I was in the kitchen yesterday and I saw how much food you all brought! Our clients were very well fed- everyone was able to have seconds! We appreciate the lunch you all provide twice a month. People really enjoy the food you bring. Please thank everyone who participates!

Blessings-

**Mary, Communities Ministries
Coordinator**

Happy Anniversary

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

Prayers

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: Esther, Muriel, Muriel Sue, Cindy, Sandy, Lauren, Linda, Todd, Jamie, Omari, Gillian, Betty, Elizabeth, Christopher, Eddie, Pat, Barbara, Jeff, John, Robin, Mairi, Paula, Bobbie, Pam, Glenda, Winsome, Jacob, Rita, Layton

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.

Remembering St. James' Beginnings

Next year will mark the 60th anniversary of the founding of St. James' Church, Mount Vernon. A group of parishioners from Saint Luke's Church, Wellington were asked to start a new church on a five acre plot of land in Mount Vernon. That plot of land is where St. James' Church sits today.

The people who came to start our parish were truly pioneers. I came to St. James' much later, but I had the privilege to know some of the founding members and others who were leaders of St. James' in the early years. I knew these people to be devoted and strong Christians. Their vision and goal had been to build an Episcopal church in this community so that they, their neighbors, and future generations would have a local Episcopal church in which to worship Our Lord in this growing and changing area. The early members faced a tremendous challenge in their effort to establish this church. One of the many challenges was financial. We think our financial challenge today is great. I have heard that the financial situation in the early years was much greater than ours is today. But through faith and dedication, we persevered. I feel that St. James' has always been blessed by having strong and devoted parishioners who were able to overcome and survive the difficult times.

The membership at St. James' peaked in the late 1970's. Due to various social changes, St. James' like many other churches, became a victim of declining church attendance. Even though our numbers are smaller now, we still have a congregation that shows the devotion and strength of our founding members. Many of our long time traditions have been maintained, new traditions begun, and St. James' continues to be the welcoming and caring church that it has been from its beginning.

Ray Smith

In July of 1958, at the first congregational meeting of their new mission church, those attending "chose St. James' Episcopal Mission as its name to honor that apostle and his teachings, which can be paraphrased as 'actions speak louder than words' and 'when you pray, get your feet moving.'" (Quote from Bill Taylor's history of St. James' at Mount Vernon.)

By the time I joined St. James' in 1965, the energy was amazing and the outreach exciting. Friends of mine, from much bigger churches, marveled at our many and varied programs; local and abroad. For any of you who are not acquainted with all we have done, across the years, I highly recommend *St. James' at Mount Vernon – The First Half Century*, compiled by Bill Taylor.

St. James' has been my church home for 52 years now, and I try never to take for granted how readily the people of this church have always included and encouraged me in all parish activities. They have welcomed me in social activities as well. Since I attend alone (my family worshipped elsewhere) I am forever grateful for that gracious acceptance. As our parish approaches its 60th Anniversary, I thank God for our continuing dedication to discerning how to do what Christ would have us do.

Lib Mueller

In his 2016 report for the Annual Meeting, our Rector put forth the question: "In St. James' Parish' s 59th year, are we continuing the vision of the group which established St. James' Mission?" I can answer that question. As we prepared for the 50th anniversary celebration, nine years ago, I interviewed three of our founding members. These folks were still very active in parish life because our mission had not changed!

So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.

James 2: 17-18

Fifty nine years ago, a group of five or six families, members of St. Luke's, were asked by the Bishop at that time to form a Mission Church in the area of Old Mill Road. St. Luke's was a thriving parish in the Ft. Hunt area. The areas around the present St. Aiden's and St. James' were being filled with new houses and many families. The diocese bought land in both areas. Two mission committees were formed. The committee that formed the Mission of St. James met in Woodley

Hills School. The first big decision made was that the mission of the new church would be **outreach!** The name of the new parish would be St. James' Episcopal Church, inspired by James 2:17-18.

I have been a member of the St. James' family for thirty eight years. Others have been here much longer. We have a member who is the daughter of founding members. Our mission has taken many forms through the years. **Outreach** is still a central mission of St. James' Episcopal Church, 2017. **FAITH, WORKS AND FAMILY!**

Peg Iber

Schedule of Ministry ~ April 2 to May 7

	April 2	April 9	April 16	April 23	April 30	May 7
	Lent 5	Palm Sunday	Easter	Easter 2	Easter 3	Easter 4
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	Ray Smith	Mark Braden	Mary Bramley	Ben Justesen	Mike Morgan	Rosemarie Richard
Welcoming Team	Peggy Rudesheim	Ellen Cleary	All Team Members	Lib Mueller	Jane Wosoogh	Mike Morgan
Ushers	McKayla Braden TBD	Bob Blair Mary Blair	Ray & Marge Smith Wayne Johnson Mike Morgan	Peg Iber Ellen Cleary	Mark Braden McKayla Braden	Bob Blair Mary Blair
	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am
Chalice	Paul Vivian	David Batcheller	Agnes Chapman	Stan Dawson	Paul Vivian	Nebiyou Tesfaye
Lector	Agnes Chapman	Stan Dawson	Janet Fallin	Nebiyou Tesfaye	Agnes Chapman	David Batcheller
Psalm	Paul Vivian	David Batcheller	Agnes Chapman	Stan Dawson	Paul Vivian	Nebiyou Tesfaye
Prayers	Ray Smith	Mark Braden	Mary Bramley	Ben Justesen	Mike Morgan	Rosemarie Richard
	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am
Sunday School	Mark Braden	Heidi Brock Diana Courtney	No Sunday School	Andrew & Rosemarie Richard	Francesca Wallace Mary Lowe	Heidi Brock Diana Courtney
	10:15am	10:15am	10:15am	10:15am	10:15am	10:15am
Chalice	Pat Rowell	Mary Bramley	Bill Iber	Mike Morgan	Amber Tussing	Peg Iber
Lesson 1	John Thompson	Suzanne Synnestvedt	Bob Blair	Peg Iber	McKayla Braden	Nancy Sherrick
Psalm	Sung	Sung	Mary Blair	Sung	Sung	Sung
Lesson 2	Francesca Wallace	Mike Morgan	Suzanne Synnestvedt	Bob Fitz	Sean Wallace	Mary Blair
Prayers	Mary Lowe	Cheryl Nostrand	Francesca Wallace	James Eustis	Mark Braden	Bob Blair
Sacraments	Wallace Family	Lib Mueller Barbara Riley	Wallace Family	Lowe Family	Bob Blair Mary Blair	Ellen Cleary Anne Patrick
Acolyte	Elizabeth Lowman	Pat Rowell	Ben Justesen	Amber Tussing	Zoe Wallace	TBD
Organist	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser
Counter	Nancy Sherrick	Jane Wosoogh	Wayne Johnson	Marge Smith	Marge Smith	Nancy Sherrick
Altar Guild	Viani Team	Viani Team	Viani Team	Viani Team	Viani Team	Iber 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
26 March Lent 4	27	28	29	30	31	1 April 5pm private event
2 April Lent 5	3	4	5	6 10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry and on the April 13	7	8 8am Brotherhood
9 April Palm Sunday	10	11 Vestry	12	13 1p Book Club Maundy Thursday 7:30pm Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing and Striping of the Altar	14 Good Friday 12pm Stations of the Cross 7:30pm Proper Liturgy for Good Friday	15
16 April Easter Reception & Egg Hunt following 10:15 am Worship	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 April Easter 2	24	25	26	27	28	29 Yard Sale 8am to 1pm
30 April Easter 3	1 May	2	3	4	5	6

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



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Palm Sunday

April 9 8:00am and 10:15am

Holy Eucharist with Liturgy of the Palms

Maundy Thursday

April 13 7:30pm

Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing and Striping of the Altar

Good Friday

April 14

12:00pm Stations of the Cross (outside, weather permitting)

7:30pm Proper Liturgy for Good Friday

Easter Sunday

April 16 8:00am and 10:15am

Celebration of the Resurrection

Easter Egg Hunt and Reception following 10:15am service

