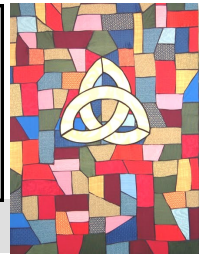




St. James' Notes



February 2019



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',

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. — Romans 15:13



2018 was a hopeful year for St. James'. We continue to enjoy our life together, formed by worship, fellowship, and service. We invested in our building for the future. We welcomed new members and their gifts and enthusiasm for the church.

Worship, fellowship, and service are at the heart of St. James'. We are shaped as a community by our worship together, and our Sunday gatherings are joyful and well-attended. We have many opportunities for fellowship, and we are active in our mission and outreach. St. James' is doing the work of the Church!

The successful 60-for-60 fundraising campaign in 2017 enabled us to make significant upgrades to the church's physical plant, most obviously the new windows in Braxton Hall and most comfortably the improvements to the HVAC system. We hope to see additional improvements in 2019, including a new boundary fence and new windows in the church. Additionally, we invest in our future as we support the St. James' Next group and Theology on Tap, two ministries that seek to build up the next generation of leaders for St. James'.

New members brought a lot of joy and life into our community. We continue to look for ways to invite and welcome others who may be looking for a church home. You, the people of St. James', are the lead ambassadors of the Church... this year make it a goal to invite somebody to get to know St. James'!

In Christ, Charles+

P.S. Please be sure to download a copy of the 2018 Annual Report from the church website: www.StJamesMV.org



Thank you to outgoing Senior Warden, Ray Smith, and Jr. Warden, Mary Bramley. Special thanks to Marge Smith, who has served as Register for the past five years!

Thank you

St. James' Episcopal Church at Mount Vernon

The Diocese of Virginia

The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff
Bishop Suffragan

Rt. Rev. Robert Wilkes Ihloff
Assistant Bishop

The Rev. Charles F. Brock
Rector

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Parish Administrator

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McKayla Braden (2022)

Diana Courtney (2021)

James Eustis (2022)

Ben Justesen (2020)

Chris Marbaker (2022)

Rosemarie Richard (2020)

Mary Jane Vandenberg (2021)

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Peg Iber

Lib Mueller

Ray Smith

Annual Meeting in Review



St. James' held its Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 20. The meeting was well attended. Treasurer Mike Morgan reviewed the financials from 2018. Highlights included the refinancing of the mortgage and the upgrades to the windows and the HVAC in Braxton Hall. Sr. Warden Ray Smith presented the budget for 2019, and discussed necessary projects to repair the water main at the Rectory and to replace the wooden fence along the edge of the church property. Funds to pay for those projects are available due to a surplus in 2018. Ray also suggested that the church might plan to replace the windows in the church, using funds still remaining from the 60-for-60 Campaign along with funds from the Memorial Fund. Father Charles spoke briefly about the health of the church and the several plans underway to attract and welcome visitors. He then presented Ray Smith and Mary Bramley tokens of appreciation for their service on the Vestry, and he also recognized Marge Smith as she completes a five-year term as Register. The meeting was adjourned, and all enjoyed a pot luck luncheon.

Mark Your Calendars for March



Pancake Supper & Talent Show

Tuesday, March 5

Plan to come at 6:00pm
for Pancake Supper and
Talent Show.

Bring your appetite and your
talents—enjoy!

**Ash Wednesday
March 6
12:00pm & 7:30pm**
Holy Eucharist with
Imposition of Ashes



Mission and Outreach

Martin Luther King Day, 2010

The MLK food drive was a success. Thank you to all the volunteers and folks who donated food to UCM that will distribute to those in our area who are the most needy. Over 20 households contributed more than a \$1000 worth of canned and dry food. We could not have done it without your support.



First Quarter Mission 2019

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/their own food. 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 on Sunday. Or drop it in the mail to the church office. We'll tabulate all, combine partial gifts, and announce the results of our campaign in April.

\$15 will provide nourishment for one child supporting tomorrow's minds today.

\$35 will provide a family with life's most basic necessity - clean water.

\$35 will provide care for a vulnerable mom and her baby.

\$80 will provide a family in need with a goat. A goat can provide a family with a stable source of food and earnings.

\$100 will provide vocational training to help one student pursue a brighter future.

Red Wagon for Rising Hope Mission

Thank you to all who continuously give food to the Red Wagon which has a direct impact on our local community. Every week when you are shopping for groceries, think of the hungry and pick up some canned or non-perishable foods to bring to church as a part of your Sunday offering. You can put your food offering in the Red Wagon in the back of the church, and it will be blessed along with all of our offerings during our Sunday service. The food is delivered each week to Rising Hope Mission Church to support their ministry to the homeless and hungry along the Route 1 corridor.

Interested in getting involved in the local and global outreach programs at St. James'? Please let Chris Marbaker know (chris.marbaker@gmail.com).



Bulletin Board

SAVE THE DATE - Shrine Mont

Our annual parish retreat at Shrine Mont in the beautiful, majestic mountains of Virginia will be the weekend of July 5-7. More information to follow.



St. James' Next

Saturday, February 24- Let's go bowling! We will meet at 6pm at the Bowl America on Edsall Road.



St. James' Next is a group of newcomers and young families that meet monthly for activities. If you have any questions please contact Mary Bramley at marybramley@gmail.com or (703) 629-9158.

Save the date! Saturday April 13- Volunteering at the Capital Area Food Bank in Lorton. For ages 12 and up! If you are interested, please let Mary Bramley know and she will get you signed up.

Diocesan Listening Tour Saturday, February 9

Bishop Goff will host a community listening session in our area on Saturday, February 9, from 1 to 3pm at St. Barnabas' Church in Annandale. This is a time for you and your Bishops to share your dreams for our Diocese. Please let Charles know if you plan to attend.



Want a Directory? We have printed directories. They are available on the credenza by the church office or you can email Jenny and she will send you a pdf or a printed version. Office@stjamesmv.org

Theology on Tap

Tuesday, February 19, at 6pm at Thai Herbs 8501 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria, VA 22309



Theology on Tap is a comfortable space for us to talk about faith, religion, modern Christianity, and ask questions while enjoying a beverage and maybe dinner. We meet from 6pm-8pm, once a month, and all are welcome! If you have any questions please contact Mary Bramley at marybramley@gmail.com or (703) 629-9158.

Daughters of the King

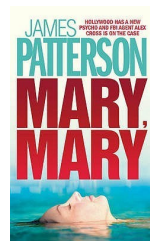
The annual rededication of the Daughters of the King will be held during the 10:15am worship service on Sunday, February 10.



Contact Peg Iber (703) 569-5845 for information. This is a good time to become a member of this service organization. All women and girls are welcome.

Sunday School and Adult Forum Every Sunday

At 9:00am we have Adult Forum with coffee and conversation in Braxton Hall. At 10:00am we offer Sunday School for children Kindergarten through 5th grade.



Book Club

St. James' Book Club will meet on Thursday, February 14, and we will discuss *Mary, Mary* by James Patterson. The following month we meet March 14 and are reading *Billy Gashade; An American Epic* by Loren D. Estleman. Questions? Call Lib Mueller at (703) 360-0561. Everyone is welcome. Join us!



Choir Notes

Dear St. James' friends,

In many cultures, the turtle has been an important symbol. It is prominent in creation stories, as well as a symbol of longevity. And who can forget the story of the tortoise and the hare?

I recently completed SCUBA diving certification. During my last certification dive, a turtle swam out to meet our group of five divers. I was amazed with its grace and beauty, and we were all particularly amused when it decided to use one of us, then another, and clambered up onto our shoulders as if we were logs floating in the water. It was an adventure not to be easily forgotten. Thinking back about that dive and a dive the next day, in which a turtle called Vergil came to call, I will remember the beauty of the turtles, of the clear water, of the school of yellow fish, and of a magical weightlessness hovering thirty feet below the water's surface.

What's that have to do with church music? Nothing, and yet everything. As Father Charles and I have worked to prepare for Casual Church on February third, I had to struggle with preconceived notions about "appropriate" music. What I found is that if I let myself float in the beauty and message of various songs, I was able to find a new sensation of worship and beauty in a setting apart from the "normal" ritual of the Book of Common Prayer. I realized that my own favored diet of Bach, Buxtehude, and things traditional could give way to other forms and eras.

I hope that you will find a spiritual warmth and grace in the simplicity of Casual Church. Watch for the (figurative) turtle to come sit on your shoulder - maybe he is reminding you of all the beauty of the earth and of the Spirit of God among us. Could it be that it's not just a turtle?

Soli Deo Gloria!

Alan Moser



Birthdays

happy
birthday

- 1 Jordan Iber
- 8 Sam Brock
- 8 Rachel McDonald
- 17 Bob Whitehouse
- 20 Jeremy Iber

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!



Schedule of Ministry ~ February 3 to March 3


	February 3	February 10	February 17	February 24	March 3
	Casual Church				Casual Church
	Epiphany 4	Epiphany 5	Epiphany 6	Epiphany 7	Last Epiphany
Celebrant	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock
Vestry Person	Diana Courtney	Ben Justesen	Chris Marbaker	Rosemarie Richard	Mary Jane Vandenberg
Ushers	Ray Smith Chad Duffield	Marge Smith Ellen Cleary	Wayne Johnson Mike Morgan	Lewis Clark Susan Clark Ray Smith	Ray Smith Marge Smith
	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am
Chalice	Stan Dawson	Paul Vivian	David Batcheller	Vicky Vivian	Stan Dawson
Lesson 1	Paul Vivian	Agnes Chapman	Tim Myers	David Batcheller	Janet Fallin
Lesson 2	David Batcheller	Stan Dawson	Janet Fallin	Andy Wormser	Paul Vivian
Prayers	Stan Dawson	Paul Vivian	David Batcheller	Vicky Vivian	Stan Dawson
	10:00am	10:00am		10:00am	10:00am
Sunday School	Diana Courtney	Heidi Brock	No Sunday School	Andrew Richard Rosemarie Richard	Diana Courtney
	10:15am	10:15am	10:15am	10:15am	10:15am
Chalice	Bob Fitz	Peg Iber	Chris Marbaker	Bill Iber	Mike Morgan
Lesson 1	Casual Church	McKayla Braden	Marghe Bowker	James Eustis	Casual Church
Psalm		Mary Blair	Ali Duffield	Bob Blair	
Lesson 2		Cheryl Nostrand	Mike Morgan	Sara Thompson	
Prayers		Mary Bramley	Mark Braden	Ryan Duffield	
Sacraments	Lewis Clark Susan Clark	Mary Jane Vandenberg Lib Mueller	Mark Braden McKayala Braden	Bob Blair Mary Blair	Anne Patrick Laurie doCarmo
Acolyte	Aly Duffield	Amber Tussing	Ryan Duffield	Ben Justesen	Elizabeth Lowman
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

February 2019

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 January Epiphany 3	28	29	30	31	1	2
3 February Epiphany 4 Casual Church	3	5	6	7 10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry	8	9 9am Brotherhood 1pm Diocesan Listening Tour
10 February Epiphany 5 DOK Rededication	11	12 7:15pm Vestry	13	14 10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry 1pm Book Club 	15	16
17 February Epiphany 6	18	19 6pm Theology on Tap	20	21	22	23
24 February Epiphany 7 6pm St. James' Next Bowling	25	26	27	28	1 March	2

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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Casual Church

"Let the children come..."

Sunday, February 3, at 10:15 am

Casual Church is a worship service designed to be especially welcoming to families and people seeking a church home. Informal and inclusive, we'll mix up our regular Sunday worship to make something fresh and inspiring for all. After the service there will be activities for the children and social time for adults. You will want to invite your friends and neighbors to Casual Church on the first Sunday of each month.

Come and see!