



# 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**  
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Dear People of St. James',

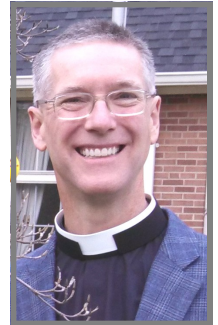
The past weeks have held a lot for us to take in, among them the racially-motivated shootings in Charleston and the Supreme Court's decision in favor of marriage equality.

At times like these, it can help to remember the fundamentals of our faith.

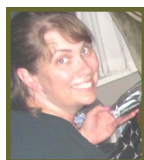
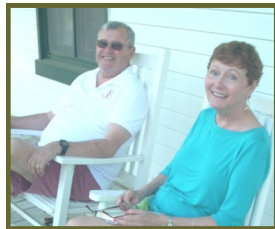
The Gospel is filled with stories of Jesus' healing the sick and the possessed, bringing those who were outcast from society back into wholeness and inclusion. One of the most basic claims of the Gospel is that, as God loves us, so we are to love one another. We emulate Jesus by reaching out across the barriers that separate us, connecting with those who are different from us, recognizing and respecting the dignity of every human being.

Even with these events in the world about us, our work remains the same here at St. James'. We will continue to love one another, we will continue to reach out and welcome strangers, we will continue to feed the hungry and minister to those in need. And we will continue to listen to the Gospel, and let its message work on us and within us. As the Gospel changes our hearts, so the actions of our lives will follow.

In Christ,  
*Charles+*



## St. James' at Shrine Mont Pix from Our June Retreat



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# Art & Craft Fair September 19

We are eagerly looking forward to our annual Art & Craft Fair on Saturday, September 19. This is a church-wide and community event. We already have some vendors signed up! More space is available so please pick up an application at church or visit our website at [www.StJamesMV.org](http://www.StJamesMV.org). There is an Art & Craft button along the left side that has a link to the pdf of the application. We will soon be asking for volunteers to help with all the logistics, so mark your calendar as busy for that day and look out for sign up sheets. Thank you in advance!



## Choir Notes

Dear St. James' friends,

It's hard to fathom that another choir season has come and gone. I hope you heard about the choir's wonderful offering of the office of Evensong on Trinity Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. The canticles, service music, and hymns and anthems they sang brought the year to a wonderful end. Thanks also to David Batcheller for his lovely commemoration of this service on display in the gallery. We plan the next offering of Evensong for the celebration All Saint's Day in November.



Summer choir has started and will continue through the end of July. If you would like to participate, simply come to the choir room on Sunday morning at 9:30 am. We will quickly prepare an anthem (an old favorite, or maybe a hymn) for that day's service.

Thank you, Anne Smith, for sharing the prelude, offertory, and postlude with us on June 28. We are fortunate beneficiaries of your talent, and look forward to hearing you again soon.

As we move through the summer, some of the hymns or anthems will be those suggested by your inputs. Thanks for taking the time to think about your favorites and share them with us. One of these is particularly interesting to me, as it was composed by Linda Egan, the organist and choirmaster of our neighbor, Pohick Church. We will sing *The first one ever* on August 16<sup>th</sup>. This ballad was requested by Mike Morgan and is scheduled in recognition of the feast day of St. Mary the Virgin on August 15. Here's the text:

*The first one ever, oh, ever to know of the birth of Jesus  
was the Maid Mary, was Mary the Maid of Galilee,  
and blessed is she, is she who believes.*

*Oh blessed is she who believes in the Lord, oh blessed is she who believes.*

*She was Mary the Maid of Galilee, and blessed is she, is she who believes.*

I hope you will enjoy learning this song!

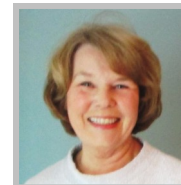
Soli Deo Gloria!

Alan



## Senior Warden's Corner

We certainly started the summer at St. James' on a high note with our very successful yard sale on May 30. We raised over \$4700! Although the calendar said it was spring, the temperature said it was summer! At least, we did not have rain, and for that we thank the Good Lord. There are so many people whom I wish to thank for their contributions in making the yard sale such a success. First, thank you to Marghe Bowker, who suggested that we have a yard sale and led the project, along with Laurie do Carmo, Amber Prigmore Tyler, and me. The idea and the name for the "Second-Hand Rose Boutique," which sold women's accessories, was Laurie's brain-child. The booth was very popular. Both men and women (and teenagers) liked shopping for jewelry, and sales were good. Thank you to Isabel Spann, who created the beautiful poster that conveyed the name, the idea behind the name, and the sale items of the Second-Hand Rose booth. Amber and her mother, Kathy Prigmore, handled the publicity for the yard sale, including ads, signs, and flyers. Amber walked for miles in neighborhoods distributing flyers. (Ah, youth!) Thank you both for your enthusiasm, your ideas, and your hard work in making the community aware of the yard sale and in bringing in customers, who were the source of the success of the day!



Before the sale, Katharine Taylor, Janet Fallin, and Mary Jane Van den Berg and her friend, Sharon, shared their expertise in examining and appraising articles that we suspected were high-value, so that we could price them fairly. Marghe also used her computer skills to sell several high-value items on eBay. All of these skills and efforts helped us raise as much money as possible for the church.

Thank you, too, to Ellen Cleary for running the Bake Sale, which, as always, netted a very nice profit. The thank-you list goes on to include everyone who donated items for the sale, without whom there would have been no sale; to everyone who donated baked goods; and to all those who worked in the hot sun on the day of the sale, helping to set up, sell, move, and clean up. We are truly grateful to everyone who worked to make the yard sale such a success, and hope that you share in our sense of satisfaction in providing the church with much needed funds through a job well done by the efforts of its church members working as a team.

We also want to express our appreciation to Keith Whited, a realtor, for loaning us his truck, so that we could move and transport heavy items.

Now for some fun together! Looking forward to our summer activities, we have the Potomac National's baseball game on Saturday, July 18. Also, mark your calendars for Saturday, August 1, for the Progressive Dinner, which is always one of our most popular events.

I wish you all a fun-filled and relaxing summer and happy travels on your summer vacations.

*Cheryl Viani*

# Thank You!

At the June Vestry meeting the following resolution was unanimously passed.

**Resolved:** A formal thank you be made to Marghe Bowker, Cheryl Viani, Laurie do Carmo and Amber Prigmore Tyler for a successful Yard Sale on May 20, 2015. We thank them for their organization and many hours of work.

## We Recycle!

Thank you to our team of recyclers for doing a great job. Additional volunteers are welcome. Contact the church office or Marghe Bowker if you interested.

July 4	Eric Katz
July 11	Janet Fallin
July 18	David Batcheller
July 25	Mike Morgan
August 1	Marghe Bowker

August 8	Eric Katz
August 15	Janet Fallin
August 22	David Batcheller
August 29	Mike Morgan
September 5	Marghe Bowker

# Mission and Outreach



## Backpack Collection

Our Mission of the 2nd Quarter is the collection of backpacks and money for school supplies. This is part of United Community Ministries' (UCM)

Back-to-School Program for local children. The goal is to collect new backpacks and money for school supplies for 1,000 students. UCM will use donations to fill the backpacks with supplies, that they can buy at greatly reduced costs. Our collection runs from June through mid-August, when UCM holds the Back-to-School distribution. So watch for sales, deposit backpacks in a tub in the Gallery; and submit donations earmarked "Back to School." Thank you for helping our local school children get off to great new school year!



## Collect Clothes!

We continue to collect seasonal clothing for the folks at Rising Hope. They need everyday summer clothing, work or job interview outfits, linens and

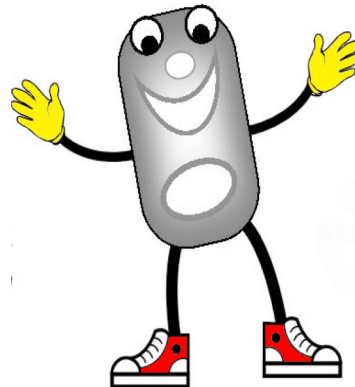
bedding. As you sort your clothes and linen closets, save good quality items you don't need. There is a collection box in the gallery.



## Bring Canned Food to Church for the Hungry and fill the Red Wagon

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 will be delivered each week to Rising Hope Mission Church to support their ministry to the homeless and hungry along the Route 1 corridor.



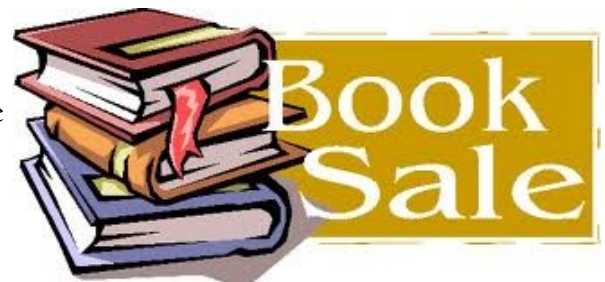
## Save Pull-Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Saving any aluminum tab (not just from soda cans) is an easy way to support the Ronald McDonald House located near Fairfax Hospital. You may have noticed the "jar" we use to collect tabs has grown. We

filled the smaller one! Now we must work on the larger one. Together they represent 10 pounds of tabs. Ten pounds of tabs represent two free days and nights for a family at the House. Please save your tabs and drop in the collection jar.

## St. James' "I Cannot Live Without Books" Sale

We collect gently used books and sell them in Braxton Hall. We continually update our supply. If you would like to donate any gently used book, please bring drop them in the collection box in the gallery. For those who love to read stop by the shelves in Braxton Hall and browse our collection. Books are \$1 for hardcover and 50 cents for paperback! All monies raised are donated to a worthwhile charity selected by the St. James' Book Club, who run the sale.



# Prayers



## July Birthdays

- 1 Crystal Prigmore
- 6 Jackson Collins
- 6 Jed Smith
- 7 Lana Butler
- 8 Keith Riley
- 8 Bo Temple
- 9 Bob Blair
- 10 Vicki Iber
- 12 Thompson Ball
- 14 Debby McConnell
- 14 Elizabeth Walters
- 16 Suzanne Synnestvedt
- 18 Owen Eustis
- 21 Nancy McDougall
- 22 Doug Cleary
- 29 Roy Williams
- 31 Anne Smith
- 31 Charles Brock

## August Birthdays

- 1 Katie Eustis
- 6 Marge Smith
- 7 Rosemarie Richard
- 13 Lib Mueller
- 14 Jane Fitz
- 14 Heidi Brock
- 16 Janet Morgan
- 21 Rosalie Mow
- 22 Bob Fitz
- 23 Jane Wosoogh
- 27 John Thompson
- 29 Evelyn Morgan

## Anniversaries

- July 3, 1998  
Chris & Naomi Iber
- July 21  
Richard & Lana Butler
- August 7, 2004  
Bob & Jane Fitz
- August 10, 1968  
Larry & Lora Jane Lisle

- August 24, 1974  
Mike & Valerie Morgan
- August 26, 1963  
Bill & Peggy Iber
- August 27, 1977  
Mark & Mckayla Braden
- August 31, 1985  
John & Sara Thompson

## PRAYER LIST

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

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 give thanks for the life of longtime member Frank Caldwell . Frank passed away on June 3. He was 94 years old. If you would like to contact Peggy her information is below.

Peggy Caldwell  
1 Red Cross Avenue #3  
Newport RI 02840  
(401) 619-3677

## The May 30 St. James' Yard Sale, Second-Hand Rose Boutique and Bake Sale raised over \$4,700!

Our Vestry has voted to use the funds for two very special purposes. \$1,800 will go to fund half of our Third Quarter Mission, Stop-Hunger-Now. Stop-Hunger-Now provides food and life-saving aid to the world's most vulnerable people and is working to end global hunger in our lifetime. Since they were established in 1998, they have provided over 180 million meals in 65 countries! We are planning an event to support this most worthwhile effort on November 7, 2015, and, of course, you will be hearing more about this soon. Other funds will be used to service the heating and cooling of our church building. The building is in dire need of air temperature and moisture stability to continue to provide a healthy environment for all of us to worship. Thank you again to all for the work that went in to making the Yard Sale such a success and now we are blessed to put these funds to good work.



## Schedule of Ministry ~ July 5 to August 2

	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26	August 2
	Pentecost 6	Pentecost 7	Pentecost 8	St. James the Apostle	Pentecost 10
			Morning Prayer		
<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock	Officiant: Bob Fitz	The Rev. Dr. Richard Jones	The Rev. Charles Brock
<b>Vestry Person</b>	Sara Thompson	Marghe Bowker	Sara Thompson	Francesca Wallace	Mary Jane Vandenberg
<b>Welcoming Team</b>	Laurie doCarmo	Mike Morgan	Lib Mueller	Andy DeLaCour	Jane Wosoogh
<b>Ushers</b>	Mike Morgan	Doug Cleary	Wayne Johnson	Peg Iber	Mike Morgan
	Barbara Riley	Ellen Cleary	Ben Wosoogh	Barbara Riley	Eric Katz
	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>8:00am</b>
<b>Chalice</b>	Agnes Chapman	Vicky Vivian	Officiant: Bob Fitz	Paul Vivian	David Batcheller
<b>Lector</b>	Janet Fallin	David Batcheller	Paul Vivian	Stan Dawson	Agnes Chapman
<b>Psalm</b>	Agnes Chapman	Vicky Vivian	Bob Fitz	Paul Vivian	David Batcheller
<b>Prayers</b>	Sara Thompson	Marghe Bowker	Sara Thompson	Francesca Wallace	Mary Jane Vandenberg
	<b>10:15am</b>	<b>10:15am</b>	<b>10:15am</b>	<b>10:15am</b>	<b>10:15am</b>
<b>Chalice</b>	Marghe Bowker	Sara Thompson	Officiant Bob Fitz	Bill Iber	Amber Tussing
<b>Lesson 1</b>	Sean Wallace	John Thompson	Sean Wallace	Amber Prigmore Tyler	Sara Thompson
<b>Psalm</b>	Sara Thompson	Nancy Sherick	Bob Fitz	Suzanne Synnestvedt	Marghe Bowker
<b>Lesson 2</b>	Hank Morgan	Francesca Wallace	James Eustis	Ben Justesen	Bob Fitz
<b>Lesson 3</b>			Mary Lowe		
<b>Prayers</b>	Mike Morgan	Cheryl Nostrand	Gordon Grant	Peg Iber	Bill Iber
<b>Sacraments</b>	Eric & Marge Katz	Lib Mueller Anne Patrick		Doug & Ellen Cleary	Bill & Peg Iber
<b>Acolyte</b>	Amber Tussing				
<b>Crucifer</b>	Zoe Wallace				
<b>Nursery Volunteer</b>					
<b>Organist</b>	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	guest organist	guest organist	Alan Moser
<b>Counter</b>	Marge Smith	Nancy Sherick	Wayne Johnson	Jane Wosoogh	Marge Smith
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Iber Team	Iber Team	Iber Team	Iber Team	Viani Team


*The August Schedule of Ministry will be available at the end of July.*

# July & August 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 10:15a Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:30a Coffee			11a Bible Study 12p Holy Eucharist with Healing 12:30p Lunch 8:30p AA Mtg			8:30p AA Mtg

## THIS MONTH at St. James' Episcopal Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 June	29	30	1 July	2 10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry	3 Office Closed	4 
5 July	6	7	8	9 10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry	10	11 8am Brotherhood Breakfast
12 July	13	14 7:15p Vestry	15	16	17	18 Baseball Outing
19 July Morning Prayer	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 July Feast of St. James the Apostle	27	28	29	30	31	1 August Progressive Dinner
2 August	3	4	5	6 10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry	7	8 8am Brotherhood Breakfast
9 August	10	11 7:15p Vestry	12	13 10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry	14	15
16 August	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 August Morning Prayer	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 August Morning Prayer	31	1 September	2 Choir	3 10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry	4	5

## 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



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## **Potomac Nationals Baseball Game Saturday, July 18**



We have reserved a block of tickets for the July 18 Potomac Nationals baseball game .

This is always a fun evening of baseball and fellowship.

Perfect for all ages! The games starts at 6pm and the tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children. The game is played in Prince William County.

Please see the sign-up poster in the gallery or call the church office to sign up.



## **Feast of St. James the Apostle July 26**

Wear red in recognition of the feast of St. James. The actual day is July 25, but we will celebrate in church on Sunday, July 26.