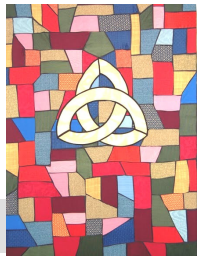




St. James' Notes



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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',

In June we wrap up the glorious Fifty Days of Easter with the Day of Pentecost, on June 8. But Pentecost is far from a conclusion! Instead of an ending, Pentecost signals the entry point into all of history that has happened since those amazing events of 2000 years ago. On that first Pentecost, we received the gift of the Holy Spirit, the power of God made known to us through Christ, the continuing power to live the redeemed lives for which Jesus gave himself. Pentecost empowers all of us who follow Jesus and propels us into the daily living of our lives.



After Pentecost, we enter the long period in the church year that extends from Pentecost until Advent. We do not speak of a season of Pentecost, because the time of Pentecost has continued without interruption for 2000 years. Instead we speak of Ordinary Time, in contrast to the seasons of preparation and remembrance, the seasons of Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter. Perhaps we should better call it Extraordinary Time, because through Jesus Christ we have been given new lives that by any measure can be called extraordinary.

I give thanks for all of the extraordinary lives that make up this community of St. James'--that is, for each and every one of you!

Charles+

Little Theatre of Alexandria - June 19

Support St. James' and have a fun night at the theater with your friends! We will be seeing Neil Simon's "Plaza Suite." We will have a reception at the theater starting at 6:30 and the show is at 8:00pm. Please contact Mary Jane Van den Berg at (240) 449-6993, to reserve your seat. Tickets are \$25 each.



Plaza Suite

"Welcome to the Plaza," says the doorman. And welcome we are as we enter this delicious comedy by Neil Simon. Three couples, separated by time and circumstance, all visit room 719 of New York's famous Plaza Hotel. This wry tale with sparkling wit and silly slapstick, as only Simon can tell, explores love, marriage, and the bargains we make along the way.

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Come on our Weekend Away at Shrine Mont, a "Place Apart" Friday, June 27, through Sunday, June 29



What is Shrine Mont? Shrine Mont is a "place apart!" Apart from the traffic, phones, twitter and the business of life! This "place" is located in the mountains in the community of Orkney Springs, Virginia, about three hours from Alexandria. It is definitely apart! The "Shrine" is an outdoor chapel, which serves as the Cathedral for the Diocese. Worshipping there is a wonderful experience. The "Mont", mountain, is the setting for an old resort hotel—where we stay and play, and meet and eat, and refresh our souls.

The "weekend" is a casual retreat. The adults have sessions of thinking and sharing, led by The Rev. Catherine Hicks. The young ones will have a program led by Mrs. Bonnie Gray, ably assisted by her family. Nursery care is available for the really young or they can be with their parent. Saturday afternoon from lunch to dinner is free time. There are many adventures to be had—swimming, hiking, fishing (bring your own pole), golfing, wine tasting, sightseeing, or just sitting on the porch enjoying the peace and quiet!

Arrival time is Friday, June 27 in the afternoon or evening and supper is available until 7:00pm. Leaving time is after the traditional fried chicken lunch on Sunday, June 29. Schedules and maps will be available. The cost is \$150 per adult (two nights and six meals). All children and grandchildren are free. There are scholarship funds available. Carpooling can be arranged.

You may sign up in the gallery or call the church office. Please sign up by June 19.



Want to sing your favorite hymn this summer?

Hymn request forms are available in the gallery – or you can email [Alan music@stjamesmv.org](mailto:music@stjamesmv.org) with a request. This summer we hope to accommodate as many hymns as possible.

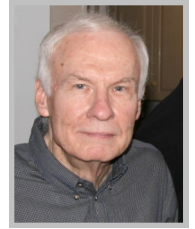


Potomac Nationals Baseball Outing Saturday, July 26

Save the date for our annual event to a Minor League Baseball Game. Tickets are very affordable and it is fun day for fans of all ages. Watch for the sign-up poster in late June or call the church office if you have questions.

Senior Warden's Corner

We are now starting the summer vacation season. When we go away on vacation, there is always preparation that has to be done. In addition to actual travel and lodging arrangements, there are such tasks as stopping newspaper delivery, arranging for someone to pick up the mail, pet care, check the house and pay bills in order not to incur a late charge. We also have preparations to do at church. We need to mark Sundays off on the Ministry Availability schedule as to when we will be gone or arrange for a substitute. Also it is important that our pledge giving is up to date because, as we know, the church expenses continue just as our home expenses continue in our absence. At the present time, St. James' is experiencing a negative cash flow as our expenses are exceeding our revenue. This situation could be helped if everyone kept their pledge payments up to date.



Do you remember when Coca Cola came in returnable glass bottles with the name of a city molded in the bottom of each bottle? There was a game that we played called "Travel." however you might have known it by a different name. If two or more people were taking a "Coke" break, one person might say "Let's travel." Then everyone would look at the bottom of their coke bottle and the one who had the name of the city farthest away won the game. If you have the opportunity to attend a church service when you are on vacation, please bring a copy of their Sunday bulletin home with you for our "Travel Bulletin Board." At the end of the summer, it would be interesting to play Travel with those bulletins to see who attended church the farthest away.

I hope that when you return from your vacation you can say "I had a great time but there is no place like home and St. James'."

May the Holy Spirit be with you wherever you travel.

Ray Smith

Music Ministry Notes

"June is bustin' out all over..." and that means lots of things are happening with your choir and church music.

First, many thanks to Ms. Anne Smith, who provided beautiful flute music for the prelude, offertory, and postlude on Mother's Day. Thanks in advance to Dr. Mary Lowe, who will be offering similar bassoon selections on the first of June. We are fortunate to have these talented musicians in our midst.



What else happens in June? The choir does, but only until June 22. Yes, the time is coming for the choir's summer hiatus. We continue weekly rehearsals until Wednesday, June 11, and vest and sing in the service for the two Sundays after that. There will be no choir on June 29, as everyone will be up at Orkney Springs enjoying the fellowship of the parish weekend at Shrine Mont!

Never fear for music in July, though. You are invited to be part of the SUMMER CHOIR – no vestments, no Wednesday night rehearsals. Just come on Sunday morning at 9:30 and gather in the choir. We will dust off an old anthem or simply prepare a hymn to be presented at the offertory of that morning's service. Come one Sunday or come every Sunday in July.

And finally, the source of some of those offertory anthems, or of some of the hymns in the service, might be your suggestion. Let me know what favorite hymn(s) you would like to sing. I will try to place it in a service during the summer. It doesn't have to be in the 1982 Hymnal – just let me know how it starts, or a title, or see me and hum a few bars. Bright green hymn suggestion forms will be in the gallery through Pentecost (June 8), so as the Spirit moves you, share your favorite song with the whole parish family.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Alan Moser

Outreach



Fill the Wagon Every Week ~ Food Pantry Donations Always Needed

About 350 families are served weekly from the Rising Hope Food pantry. The need for food is constant, and the clientele growing. Watch for and buy weekly sales, and bring something every Sunday to put in the Red Food Wagon at the back of the church. The Rising Hope Food Pantry is always in need of the following: canned meats, veggies, tomatoes, and fruit; pasta, rice, boxes of cereal, and juice. Thanks!



Clothing Drive for Rising Hope Mission

Many items are needed and will be collected during the month of June. There will be a drop-off box in the gallery with a sign on it. Items include new or good quality used summer clothes (everyday or interview), underwear for any age, belts, and of course socks. Good condition linens and towels also gratefully accepted.

Questions or for more information? Contact Suzanne Synnestvedt at sssynnestvedt@gmail.com.

We Recycle at St. James'.

Thank you to our team of recyclers for doing a great job. Additional volunteers are welcome. It just takes one hour every 6 weeks to collect the recycling at the church. Contact the church office or Marghe Bowker if you interested.

June Volunteers

June 6-7	Eric Katz
June 13-14	Janet Fallin
June 20-21	David Batcheller
June 27-28	Mike Morgan



Yum!

Our Rising Hope Lunch Ministry has increased meal preparation from one a day a month to two. And the folks at the mission are so grateful. We have two teams that make home-cooked meals the first and second Thursdays of every month. The meals are collected at St. James' and then brought over to Rising Hope Mission Church.



In May we served 65 to 70 people each time. Thanks to Team 1 and Team 2! The menu for June is spaghetti & meatballs and a side dish of your choosing for June 5 (Team 1) and meatloaf plus a side of your choosing for June 12 (Team 2).

If you would like to join this ministry or if you just want to sign up to prepare a dish occasionally, please call Marge Katz at (412) 303-7801.

Highway Clean-Up ~ June 14, 9:30 to 10:30am

Please come out and help pick up trash on the stretch of the Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway that St. James' has adopted, between Fort Belvoir's Walker Gate and Old Mill Road. Please meet at the church at 9:30am to receive instructions. Children under 12 years old are not allowed to participate for safety reasons.



Prayers

June Birthdays

- 1 Mark Braden
- 7 Laura Riley
- 12 Sarah Morgan
- 12 Amanda Lisle
- 15 Antonia Rodriguez
- 20 Mike Viani
- 24 Nancy Walker
- 25 Jennifer M. Boyle
- 27 Cheryl Viani



We Want to Include You!

If you don't see your birthday or anniversary listed here, please let us know so



Happy Anniversary

June 7, 2008

Doug & Amy Smith

June 10, 1989

John & Karen Walker

June 12, 1999

Dean & Nancy Sherick

June 19, 1992

Bob & Mary Whitehouse



Bulletin Board

Newsletter News



Please note that the next *St. James' Notes* will be a combined July & August issue. The deadline for the combined July & August issue is June 15.

Art & Craft Fair September 20

Mark your calendars now— Would you like to display? Would you like you to volunteer? Please let Laurie doCarmo or Andy De La Cour know. With all the talent in this church, we will have another outstanding fair!



Worshiping Away? Bring back bulletins!

It's always interesting to see what's going on around the church at large – maybe there's a new hymn or service setting that we would enjoy sharing, or an activity that would be just the thing for our parish family or our community. Please bring (or send) bulletins to the church office. And when you're around St. James', visit the bulletin board display of our parish's travels.



Update your contact info!

Did you know we email a weekly newsletter every Thursday? We would love to have your email address so you can stay informed with all the latest information here at St. James'. Please send us your current email address and also provide us with at least one telephone number for your family. It's important that we have current contact information (phone, email and mailing address.)

PRAYER LIST

We pray for strength, guidance and healing for: Esther, Nora, Jenny, Muriel, Muriel Sue, Bo, Ed & Peggy Hoffman, Jenn, Stephanie, Gavin, Margaret, Vincent, Sina, Jeff, Bob, Becca, Elizabeth, Virginia, Dorothea, Joy, Daniel, Hank, Maire, Elizabeth, Anne, Roger, Olivia, Christine, Gordon, Richard, Shirley, Amber, Barbara, Joy Lee

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: Captain Paul Lowman, and all those injured or wounded.

Schedule of Ministry ~ June 1 to July 6

	June 1	June 8	June 15	June 22	June 29	July 6	
	7 Easter	Pentecost	Trinity Sunday	Pentecost 2	Pentecost 3	Pentecost 4	
				Proper 7	Morning Prayer	Proper 9	
Celebrant	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock	Officant: TBA	The Rev. Charles Brock	
Vestry Person of the Day	Cheryl Viani	MJ Van den Berg	Dean Sherick	Ben Justesen	Marghe Bowker	Ray Smith	
Welcoming Team	Jane Wosoogh	Ellen Cleary	Andy DeLaCour	Mike Morgan	Laurie doCarmo	Lib Muller	
Ushers	Andrew Richard	Eric Katz	Mark Braden	Gus Braun	Doug Cleary	Andrew Richard	
	Rosemarie Richard	Marge Katz	McKayla Braden	Peg Iber	Ellen Cleary	Rosemarie Richard	
	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	
Chalice	Paul Vivian	David Batcheller	Mary Blair	Stan Dawson		Vicky Vivian	
Lector	Stan Dawson	Vicky Vivian	Bob Blair	Paul Vivian	Stan Dawson	Mary Blair	
Psalm	Paul Vivian	David Batcheller	Mary Blair	Stan Dawson		Vicky Vivian	
Prayers	Cheryl Viani	MJ Van den Berg	Dean Sherick	Ben Justesen	Marghe Bowker	Ray Smith	
Sunday School	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	<i>Sunday School Summer Break</i>		
	Francesca Wallace	Andrew Richard	Eric Katz	Mark Braden			
	Mary Lowe	Rosemarie Richard	Marge Katz	McKayla Braden			
	10:15 AM	10:15 AM	10:15 AM	10:15 AM	10:15 AM	10:15 AM	
Chalice	Marghe Bowker	Bob Fitz	Peg Iber	Bill Iber	<i>Readers to be announced</i>		
Lesson 1	James Eustis	Peg Iber	James Eustis	Dean Sherick			Mike Morgan
Psalm	Sung	Sung	Marghe Bowker	Ann Chadwick			Gus Braun
Lesson 2	Suzanne Synnestvedt	Sean Wallace	Mary Lowe	John Thompson			Bob Fitz
Prayers	Cheryl Nostrand	Mike Morgan	Nancy Sherick	Gordon Grant			Hank Morgan
Sacraments	Lib Mueller Laurie doCarmo	Mark & McKayla Braden	Gearhart Family	Ben & Jane Wosoogh	TBA	Walsh Family	
Crucifer/Acolyte	Ben Justesen	Brenna Richard/ Amber Tussing	Pat Rowell	Martha Normand/ Ben Justesen	TBA	Pat Rowell	
Organist	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser		Alan Moser	
Counter	Nancy Sherick	Jane Wosoogh	Nancy Sherick	Jane Wosoogh	Nancy Sherick	Nancy Sherick	
Altar Guild	Iber Team	Iber Team	Iber Team	Iber Team	Iber Team	Viani Team	
Snack	John & Sara Thompson	Doug & Ellen Cleary	Gearhart Family				

June 2014

EVERY WEEK at St. James' Episcopal Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8:00a Holy Eucharist Rite II 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	6pm Wounded Warrior Support Group		8:30p AA Mtg

THIS MONTH at St. James' Episcopal Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 June 7 Easter	2 6:30p Cub Scouts	3 6:30p Cub Scouts	4 7p Choir Practice	5 10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry	6	7
8 June Pentecost Church Picnic	9 6:30p Cub Scouts	10 7:15p Vestry	11 7p Choir Practice 6:30p Cub Scouts	12 10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry	13	14 8am Brotherhood Breakfast 9:30 Highway Clean-up
15 June Trinity Sunday	16	17	18	19 6:30p Theater Outing at Little Theater in Old Town	20	21
22 June Pentecost 2 Proper 7	23	24	25	26	27	28 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">Shrine Mont Church Retreat</div>
29 June Pentecost 3 Proper 8 Morning Prayer	30	1	2	3	4 July 4th	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

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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Pentecost Sunday, June 8 Church Picnic

Come and enjoy fun and fellowship at the spring church picnic on Sunday, June 8, after the 10:15am service. Please see the sign-up sheet in the gallery.