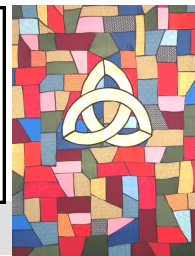




St. James' Notes



Summer 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'
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at Mount Vernon
A parish church in the
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of Virginia and member
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Communion.



Dear People of St. James',

How does the unknowable become knowable?

For that is what God has done. The one mysterious and unknowable God, eternal, infinite, and omnipotent, has made himself known to us, revealed in the mystery of love, revealed in the mystery of a human life.

This is why I especially like the simple Trinitarian creed that I use every Sunday to call us back together after we exchange the Peace.

"God is love. Jesus is the light. The Spirit is here."

These three simple statements teach the essentials of what we need to know about God.

Who is God? *God is love.*

How do we find God? *Jesus is the light.*

How is God with us? *The Spirit is here.*

The Spirit is here, filling each of us with the breath of God, enabling us to find God by following the light of Jesus, empowering us to love in God's name. It is the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the whole package working together, that enables us to peer beyond the veil of divine mystery, and to know God, revealed in the mystery of our own lives.

In Christ, *Charles*

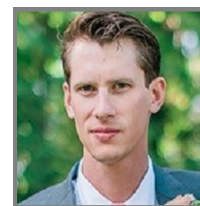


Welcome Seldon!

This summer we welcome Seldon Walker to St. James' for a two-month ministry internship.

Seldon is a student at the Virginia Theological Seminary, and a postulant for Holy Orders through the Diocese of Virginia. As part of his formation for ordained life, Seldon will spend the summer at St. James', assisting with worship, preaching, pastoral care, and all the many aspects of daily life in the parish. Seldon will also provide leadership for our Shrine Mont retreat program, *Encountering God's Creation*.

Seldon and his wife, April, will be with St. James' from May 28 through the end of July. We look forward to receiving his gifts, and sharing ours with him.



Encountering God's Creation at Shrine Mont

Parish Retreat ~ Friday, June 30 to Sunday, July 2

Bring your whole family.

Sign up in the gallery or contact the church office (703) 780-3081.

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Our last day of children's Sunday School is June 18. We are so appreciative to our wonderful team of volunteer teachers. Thank you to Francesca Wallace, Mary & Dave Lowe, Andrew & Rosemarie Richard, Heidi Brock and Diana Courtney. Sunday School will start up again on September 10.

Please Note: On Sunday, July 2, there will be one 10:15am service of Morning Prayer at St. James'. No service at 8:00am.

Summer Break: Wednesday Bible Study and Holy Eucharist will take a break this summer from June 7 to September 13.

Water Barrels in Kenya Update

Last Quarter we raised money to buy water barrels for the Taita villages in southern Kenya. The government finally purchased the giant tanks, and our money went for storage barrels for individual homes. Below is a thank you letter from our contact. You can see that area rains have stopped, crops have failed, and hungry elephants are invading the villages to eat crops and trees. However our gift will help these struggling farmers survive as climate & rains become increasingly problematic.



Dear Marghe and St. James' Church,

It's my humble pleasure and joy to let you know that the Kasigau community is happy as they today received 20 water barrels which were bought by the donations you sent. The farming has failed again and many elephants are roaming around the villages. We are having rains just around the hill.

God bless you all.

Ezra Mdam, Nyangala Resource Centre, Coordinator

Family Game Nights
First Fridays All Summer
6pm to 9pm
June 2, July 7 and August 4



Come and stay the entire time or drop in whenever you can! We will have games for all ages, including card games and board games. Please bring your favorite snacks and games to share. Drinks will be provided. This is a come-as-you-are-come-when-you-can event. Hope to see you there!

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. 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 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. Thank you.



Word of the Month: FAITHFULNESS

Faithfulness: true to one's word, promises, vows; steady in allegiance; reliable, trusted; strict or thorough in the performance of duty.

What comes to mind when you hear the word faithfulness? I immediately start singing that age-old hymn, "Great is Thy Faithfulness"!

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

There it is, in a nutshell. God is there, every day, providing what we need and giving us new opportunities to witness His love and faithfulness. God's promises or covenants with His people have always been kept. There are approximately 277 accounts in the Bible of covenants between God and His people. We can read it in the Old Testament with Noah (Genesis 6:17-18) to Ishmael (Genesis 17:18-20) to Moses (Exodus 19:5) to Jacob (Psalm 105:10). The most earth-shattering example of God's faithfulness is in the New Testament, when He gave the ultimate sacrifice for our sins- his only Son, Jesus Christ.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

1 John 1:9

"Our God is a faithful God and there is no other that can do all He can and has done"

Numbers 23:19

Where are you on the faithfulness meter?

God calls us to be faithful to Him, in good times and bad.

He calls us to be **faithful** in our **prayer time** and in our **fellowship** with other Christians. He calls us to be **faithful** in our **attendance** at worship services and church events. He calls us to be **faithful** in **helping others**. He calls us to be faithful in **spreading His word** and **encouraging others to experience**, first hand, His never-ending **faithfulness** to us.

Peggy Rudesheim

Emergency Preparedness Class

St. James' is hosting an Emergency Preparedness Class on Saturday, June 10, from 10am to 12:30pm Braxton Hall. Deputy Sheriff Lee Walters (retired Kern County, CA, Sheriff's Office) will specifically discuss what to do in case of serious injury and blood loss. Deputy Sheriff Walters has extensive background in on-scene emergency care and the class will focus on the right type of first aid kit to have on hand, how to quickly and safely remove someone from a location if needed, bandaging wounds, stopping blood loss using elevate, direct pressure and the use of pressure dressings, cardiac and stroke signs. No CPR or first aid card will be issued and the class is not affiliated with or sponsored by any national or regional center. The entire community is invited and the class is free.



Summer Birthdays and Anniversaries



1 Mark Braden
7 Laura Riley
12 Sarah Morgan
15 Antonia Rodriguez
20 Mike Viani
25 Jennifer Morgan Boyle
27 Cheryl Viani



1 Crystal Prigmore	14 Debby McConnell
6 Jackson Collins	16 Suzanne Synnestvedt
6 Jed Smith	18 Owen Eustis
8 Keith Riley	21 Nancy McDougall
8 Bo Temple	31 Anne Smith
9 Bob Blair	31 Charles Brock
10 Vicki Iber	



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



Doug & Amy Smith
June 7, 2008

Dean & Nancy Sherick
June 12, 1999

Bob & Mary Whitehouse
June 19, 1992

Chris & Naomi Iber
July 3, 1998

Bob & Jane Fitz
August 7, 2004

Larry & Lora Jane Lisle
August 10, 1968

Aaron & Kimberly Stowell
August 10, 2002

Mike & Valerie Morgan
August 24, 1974

Bill & Peggy Iber
August 26, 1963

Mark & Mckayla Braden
August 27, 1977

John & Sara Thompson
August 31, 1985

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.

Altar Guild Needs Hand Sewing—Can you help?

Request for service with the altar guild! No, not set up, etc. Some linen fabric has been discovered. Is there any one or two folks who still do hand sewing? It is basic hemming. Dimensions are supplied. Small items only. Please contact Peg Iber (703) 569-5845 if you will help. Thanks!

From the Senior Warden

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Your Vestry strives to schedule some events that are strictly social. It makes for a stronger parish if people are able to get to know one another and have some fun together. Our challenge is to find things that have a wide appeal and therefore maximum participation. We met that challenge with the recent St. James' Meet & Greet at my home. There were 39 folks present. We had a good mix of ages ranging from two months to the grandparent age group. Also, there was a good mix of people who have attended St. James' for over forty years to people who have been with us for only a few months. We had a surprise visit from an old friend, a talented musician, who provided harp and fiddle music for us. Bob Blair, and his drum, accompanied Jim Gray on some of the music. The children enjoyed playing in the backyard while their parents socialized.



There was an abundance of good food and drink. Everyone appeared to have a good time. The only thing that could have made the occasion better was for those who could not attend to have been there.

Ray Smith



Choir Notes

Dear Friends,

The time has come for a newsletter article, and I have found myself struggling with what to say. I looked in various sources for something inspiring, but came away empty-handed. As the deadline got nearer and nearer (and, in fact, passed), I realized that simple thoughts may be more meaningful than intricate, involved treatises. Take, for example, one of the hymns we have recently sung: *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life*. George Herbert didn't have to write volumes, nor Ralph Vaughan Williams to compose a symphony, yet these three short verses set out a lifetime of Christian life. So note to self: "Keep it simple!"



So here is "simple": Another choir season has come and is almost gone. The choir will go on summer break after the Trinity Sunday service on June 11th. But that doesn't mean there won't be music. From June 18th through the end of July, we will have a "summer choir" each week. 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. If there aren't enough to sing a choral anthem, perhaps someone will be able to sing a solo, or we will just turn the entire the congregation into the choir and sing a short hymn at the time of the offertory.

Thank you, Anne Smith, Bob Blair, and Sara Thompson for sharing your musical talents with us when we sang *Cherokee Amazing Grace* on May 21st. We are always happy to have your participation in the music of the church.

Have a (simply) great summer!

Soli Deo gloria,

Alan Moser

Schedule of Ministry ~ June 4 to July 2

	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25	July 2
	Pentecost	Trinity Sunday	Pentecost 6	Pentecost 7	Pentecost 8
			Fathers' Day	Proper 7	Shrine Mont
Celebrant	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock	Morning Prayer
Vestry Person	Mary Bramley	Ben Justesen	Mike Morgan	Rosemarie Richard	Peggy Rudesheim
Welcoming Team	Mike Morgan	Peggy Rudesheim	Jane Wosoogh	Ellen Cleary	Laurie doCarmo
Ushers	Peg Iber Barbara Riley	Ray Smith Wayne Johnson	Mike Morgan Ellen Cleary	Mark Braden McKayla Braden	Volunteers
	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	
Chalice	Seldon Walker	David Batcheller	Agnes Chapman	Stan Dawson	No 8am Service
Lector	David Batcheller	Agnes Chapman	Seldon Walker	Janet Fallin	
Psalm	Seldon Walker	David Batcheller	Agnes Chapman	Stan Dawson	
Prayers	Mary Bramley	Ben Justesen	Mike Morgan	Rosemarie Richard	
	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am		
Sunday School	Heidi Brock Diana Courtney	Dave Lowe Mary Lowe	Andrew Richard Rosemarie Richard	No Sunday School	No Sunday School
	10:15am	10:15am	10:15am	10:15am	10:15am
Chalice	Mike Morgan	Chris Marbaker	Peg Iber	Seldon Walker	Volunteers
Lesson 1	Nancy Sherrick	John Thompson	Seldon Walker	Bob Fitz	
Psalm		Suzanne Synnestvedt	Marghe Bowker	James Eustis	
Lesson 2	S. Synnestvedt	Francesca Wallace	Mark Braden	Bill Iber	
Prayers	TBD	Sean Wallace	McKayla Braden	Cheryl Nostrand	
Sacraments	Bob Blair Mary Blair	Ellen Cleary Lib Mueller	Taylor Family	Lowe Family	
Acolyte	Seldon Walker	Amber Tussing	Chris Marbaker	Mary Bramley	
Organist	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	
Counter	Nancy Sherick	Wayne Johnson	Jane Wosoogh	Bill Iber	Nancy Sherick
Altar Guild	Viani Team	Viani Team	Viani Team	Viani Team	Iber Team

The July and August Schedule of Ministry will be available at the end of each month prior.

Summer 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 May Easter 7	29 Memorial Day	30	31	1 June 10a Lunch Ministry	2 Game Night 6 to 9pm	3
4 June Day of Pentecost	5	6	7	8 10a Lunch Ministry	9	10 8am Brotherhood 10am Emergency Class
11 June Trinity Sunday All Church Picnic	12 7:15p Vestry	13	14	15	16	17
18 June Pentecost 2 Fathers' Day	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 June Pentecost 3	26	27	28	29	30 Shrine Mont	1 July Shrine Mont
2 July No 8am service 10:15am Morning Prayer Shrine Mont	3	4 Independence Day	5	6 10a Lunch Ministry	7 Game Night 6 to 9pm	8 8am Brotherhood
9 July Pentecost 4	10	11 7:15p Vestry	12	13 10a Lunch Ministry	14	15
16 July Pentecost 5	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 July Feast of St. James'	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 July Pentecost 8 Morning Prayer	31	1 August	2	3 10a Lunch Ministry	4 Game Night 6 to 9pm	5
6 August Pentecost 9	7	8 7:15p Vestry	9	10 10a Lunch Ministry	11	12 8am Brotherhood
13 August Pentecost 10	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 August Pentecost 11	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 August Pentecost 12 Morning Prayer	28	29	30	31	1 September	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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**Come and enjoy a relaxing and fun lunch
at the church picnic on Sunday, June 11, after
the 10:15am service (rain or shine).**

**Everyone bring a dish to share. Burgers
and hotdogs will be provided.**

See you there!