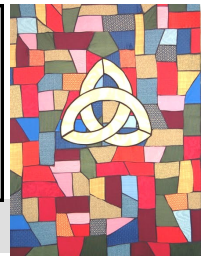




St. James' Notes



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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',

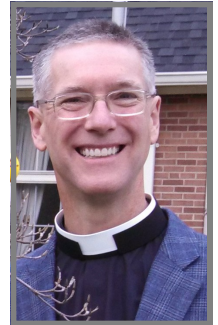
Every week I attend the chapel service at my son's school. This is an opportunity for me to sit and worship in the congregation, to be nourished by scripture, reflection, and prayer. It is one of the highlights of my week.

These chapel services always begin with the same words, repeated by the gathered children: "God is love. Jesus is the light. The Spirit is here." It is a beautiful and simple creed, a simple statement of what we believe and experience.

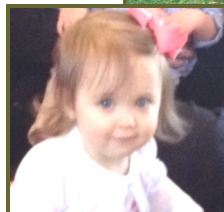
This month completes the half-year cycle of liturgical remembrances, including Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter, and concluding with the feast of Pentecost on May 24. Through these seasons of the church, we remember and deepen our faith: "God is love. Jesus is the light. The Spirit is here."

During the next six months, the church will rest in Ordinary Time, as we live in the resurrection reality of Jesus. Our faith takes on flesh, as we live and act in love and gratitude. And we too may daily proclaim our deepest truth. "God is love. Jesus is the light. The Spirit is here."

In Christ,
Charles+



Easter Sunday



Thank you to Mary Blair for these pictures



Sunday, June 7



Come and enjoy a relaxing and fun lunch at the spring church picnic on Sunday, June 7, after the 10:15am service. Please see the sign-up sheet in the gallery.

May 7 Theater Outing

Everyone is invited to an evening at the Little Theater in Old Town Alexandria on Thursday, May 7. Tickets are \$25 each and include a reception before the show. Reserve your seat by signing up on the chart in the gallery or call Mary Jane Van den Berg at (561) 309-3987. And watch for the reception sign-up sheet to be posted the gallery.

The play is *The Odd Couple* but with a twist . . . *The Female Version!* Come see this time-honored comedy reinvented from a different perspective as the ladies take over the juicy roles of the famously mismatched couple to give this well-known play a whole new life. Watch and laugh as this “odd couple” learn that friendship may have its ups and downs but in the end it overpowers all.



From the Altar Guild

Didn't the church look beautiful for the Easter Services? Many thanks go to the ladies of our Flower Committee; Lib Mueller, Laurie doCarmo, Cheryl Viani and Andy De la Cour. They not only designed the decorations as symbols of re-awakening and Spring, they spent several hours making the vases and arranging the flowers on the altar. They certainly gave of their time, talent –and treasure. (No expense chits were turned in!) Thank you ladies. Thank you also goes out to all of you who donated to the Flower Fund as part of your memorials.

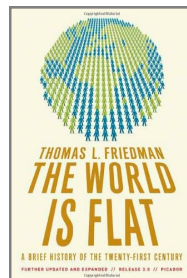
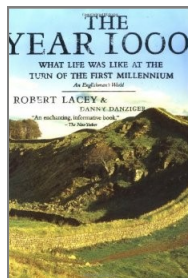


Altar Flower dedications are a year round activity. This is a nice way to remember loved ones and special dates. Just sign up on the flower poster on the curved red wall in the Gallery. You will receive a form from the office explaining details. Please keep our Flower Fund healthy. Thanks, Peg

Bulletin Board

Book Club– Join us!

Everyone is invited to join Book Club. We meet Thursday, May 14, at 12:30pm in Braxton Hall. Our book is **The Year 1000** by Robert Lacey and Danny Danziger. Our Summer book is **The World is Flat** by Thomas Friedman.



We Recycle!

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.



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| May 2 | Janet Fallin |
| May 9 | David Batcheller |
| May 16 | Mike Morgan |
| May 23 | Marghe Bowker |
| May 30 | Eric Katz |
| June 6 | Janet Fallin |

St. James' Episcopal Church at Mount Vernon

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Director of Music

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Cheryl Viani
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Mike Morgan
Junior Warden and Plant & Property

Marghe Bowker
Local & World Outreach

Mark Braden
Administration & Finance

Eric Katz
Growth & Evangelism

Sara Thompson
Publicity & Communications

Mary Jane Van den Berg
Parish Family

Francesca Wallace
Christian Education

Bill Iber
Treasurer

Marge Smith
Register

Trustees

Peg Iber
Lib Mueller
Ray Smith

Senior Warden's Corner

What a wonderful Easter season we had at St. James'! Living the familiar story of Easter through the Holy Week services brought us comfort and joy. Easter and spring go hand-in-hand to symbolize a rebirth of the spirit and of the earth. Our Easter celebrations were glorious and so up-lifting—the gorgeous weather, the flowers, the music, the food, the decorations, the fellowship, and the fun of watching the children at the Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you to everyone (and there were many) who contributed to making our celebrations so special, especially Father Charles and Alan Moser.



St. James' is a vibrant and active church. Our church life, as is life in general, is a mixture of work and play. Here are some of the upcoming events of the church for May and June. Mark your calendars.

On Thursday, May 7, we have our evening at The Little Theater of Alexandria. The show is a comedy—the female version of “The Odd Couple.” See opposite page for details.

On Saturday, May 9, we will have a spring clean-up of the church. We need all the help we can get. There are both specific and general jobs, inside and outside. Please see the poster in the gallery. If you are not able to be there on May 9, you can do some of the tasks at your convenience.

Saturday, May 30, is our Yard Sale fundraiser. Donations to the Yard Sale have been very generous, and we have some wonderful things to sell. See page 5 for all the details. We need your help: donate, bake and volunteer. Of course, pray for good weather too!

Sunday, June 7, is our Spring Picnic at the church following the 10:15am service. It is always a fun and relaxing time for both adults and children.

June 12-14 is our annual Shrine Mont weekend. This is a time to get away, have time for you, and enjoy the beauty of the area and the fellowship of others. See the insert in this newsletter for all the details.

We hope to see you at many of the above activities. Have a great spring!

Cheryl Viani

Daughters of the King in May

The Daughters of the King will hold its next meeting on Sunday, May 3, in Braxton Hall immediately following Coffee Hour after the 10:15am worship service. A light lunch will be provided and guests are welcome! All women and girls are invited to come. We would love to have you join the St. James' DOK chapter!

Don't know who the Daughters's are or what we do? Then this is your opportunity to find out! After a short update of current DOK activities, we will conduct a synopsis of a longer study that is normally done for those who are interested in being a part of this International Order. For those who are already members, this is a brief, but meaningful reflection on why membership in the DOK is so important to us.

Briefly, we pledge ourselves to a life-long commitment of prayer, service and evangelism, dedicated to the spread of Christ's kingdom and to strengthening the spiritual life of the church. Our motto incorporates the words, “I am only One, but I am One; what I can do, I ought to do; what I ought to do, I will do.” These simple thoughts sum up our purpose, working with other women of like mind to help those in need and to bring women and girls throughout the world to the love of Christ. It is a wonderfully rewarding ministry, working with other women who share the same commitment.

Please RSVP to the May 3 meeting by calling me at (703) 780-4054. We want to plan lunch for you!

Ann Chadwick



Mission and Outreach

Final Report on Gifts for Life

St. James' parishioners have funded, through their love and generosity, the following gifts. These gifts provide a sustainable living to the world's poorest.

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| 13 | Goats | \$1,040 |
| 3 | Seeds, Tools, Training | \$ 540 |
| 150 | Trees for Reforestation | \$ 150 |
| 6 | Clean Water – Person | \$ 175 |
| 1 | Clean Water - Family | \$ 215 |
| 4 | Preschool Programs | \$ 60 |
| 4 | Vocational Training | \$400 |
| | Total of Gifts | \$2,580 |

Thank you!

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.



Collect Clothes! As the weather gets warmer, the Rising Hope people need everyday spring & 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.

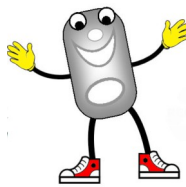


About Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church

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. Rising Hope depends upon gifts and grants from volunteers and non-profit organizations for its funding — it does not receive any Federal financial support. Rising Hope is a worthy and successful way for St. James' parishioners to follow Jesus' teaching.



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.

Choral Evensong—May 31



Please mark your calendars for a Sunday evening of music in observance of Trinity Sunday. Invite your friends to join us at St. James' on May 31 at 4pm.

Prayers

May Birthdays



- 1 Kristi Thomas
- 8 Margaret Katz
- 11 Amy Smith
- 12 Hank Morgan
- 15 Barbara Tucker
- 23 Dean Sherick
- 23 Ruth Walsh
- 24 Brett Riley
- 29 Mary Blair

PRAYER LIST

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

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.

May Anniversaries



May 12, 2012
Andrew & Rosemarie Richard



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!

Yard Sale, Bake Sale, Second-hand Rose Boutique May 30, 2015 8am to 1:00pm

Donate and Volunteer! We need everyone in the church to help with donations (ask your friends and relatives). Then volunteer to work and/or bake. See the sign up poster in the gallery starting May 10.

Remember you can bring your stuff anytime—we have storage space in the old nursery room, so bring your boxes and smaller items. Very large items like furniture, are wanted, but not until the week before the sale; we'll help arrange pickup, if you need. We will have tax deduction forms available.

Here are items we especially want: Jewelry, scarves, belts, purses, hats, toys, baby items, tools, wallets, household & kitchen items, garage & yard items, games & puzzles, books, sports items, decorations. Thin your perennials and donate the extra roots. Please no clothes or beat-up shoes; baby things OK.

The boutique will repair, clean, and display women's & men's accessories. Ask Laurie DoCarmo (703) 780-8054 or Cheryl Viani (703) 360-8799 if you have questions.

Marghe Bowker (703) 799-1567, Amber Prigmore Prigmore.amber@hotmail.com, and Mike Morgan Mike007morgan@yahoo.com will answer all other questions.



Schedule of Ministry ~ May 5 to June 7

| | May 3 | May 10 | May 17 | May 24 | May 31 | June 7 |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Easter 5 | Mother's Day | Ascension Day | Pentecost | Trinity Sunday | Pentecost 2 |
| 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 | Mark Braden | Sara Thompson | Marghe Bowker | Cheryl Viani | MJ VandenBerg | Francesca Wallace |
| Welcoming Team | Andy DeLaCour | Eric Katz | Mike Morgan | Ellen Cleary | Marge Katz | Jane Wosoogh |
| Ushers | Ray Smith | Doug Cleary | Peg Iber | Mike Morgan | Eric Katz | Ray Smith |
| | Marge Smith | Ellen Cleary | Barbara Riley | Wayne Johnson | Marge Katz | Marge Smith |
| | 8:00am | 8:00am | 8:00am | 8:00am | 8:00am | 8:00am |
| Chalice | Paul Vivian | Vicky Vivian | Agnes Chapman | David Batcheller | Stan Dawson | Paul Vivian |
| Lector | TBD | David Batcheller | Janet Fallin | Stan Dawson | Janet Fallin | Agnes Chapman |
| Psalm | Paul Vivian | Vicky Vivian | Agnes Chapman | David Batcheller | Stan Dawson | Paul Vivian |
| Prayers | Mark Braden | Sara Thompson | Marghe Bowker | Cheryl Viani | MJ VandenBerg | Francesca Wallace |
| | 10:00am | 10:00am | 10:00am | 10:00am | 10:00am | 10:00am |
| Sunday School | Mark Braden Mckayala Braden | Andrew Richard Rosemarie Richard | Eric Katz Marge Katz | Mark Braden Mckayla Braden | Heidi Brock Stan Dawson | Francesca Wallace Mary Lowe |
| | 10:15am | 10:15am | 10:15am | 10:15am | 10:15am | 10:15am |
| Chalice | Pat Rowell | Marge Katz | Amber Tussing | Sara Thompson | Mike Morgan | Bob Fitz |
| Lesson 1 | Sara Thompson | Gus Braun | Nancy Sherick | Mike Morgan | John Thompson | James Eustis |
| | | | | | Pat Rowell | Sean Wallace |
| Lesson 2 | Hank Morgan | Mary Lowe | Bill Iber | Gordon Grant | Marghe Bowker | Suzanne Synnestvedt |
| Prayers | Ann Chadwick | Bob Fitz | Cheryl Nostrand | Peg Iber | Francesca Wallace | Ben Justesen |
| Sacraments | Lib Mueller | Wallace Family | Nancy Sherick | Barbara Riley | Peg Iber | Morgan Family |
| | Laurie doCarmo | | MJ VandenBerg | Anne Patrick | Ben Wosoogh | |
| Acolyte | Sara Thompson | Pat Rowell | Amber Tussing | Ben Wosoogh | Sara Thompson | Pat Rowell |
| Nursery Volunteer | | Peg Iber | Jen McDonald | | | |
| Organist | Alan Moser | Alan Moser | Alan Moser | Alan Moser | Alan Moser | Alan Moser |
| Counter | Marge Smith | Jane Wosoogh | Nancy Sherick | Wayne Johnson | Marge Smith | Nancy Sherick |
| Altar Guild | Iber Team | Iber Team | Iber Team | Iber Team | Iber Team | Viani Team |

May 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 10:00 Sunday School 10:15a Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:30a Coffee | | | 11a Bible Study 12p Holy Eucharist with Healing 12:30p Lunch 7p Choir 8:30p AA Mtg | | | 8:30p AA Mtg |

THIS MONTH at St. James' Episcopal Church

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--------------------------------|--|----------------------------|--|--------|---|
| 26 April | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | May 1 | 2 9am Highway Clean-Up |
| 3 May Easter 5 Noon DOK Meeting | 4 6:30p Cub Scouts | 5 | 6 6:30p Cub Scouts | 7 10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry 6:30p Theater Outing | 8 | 9 8am Brotherhood Breakfast Spring Cleaning |
| 10 May Easter 6 6:30p Cub Scouts | 11 6:30p Cub Scouts | 12 6:30p Cub Scouts 7:15p Vestry | 13 6:30p Cub Scouts | 14 10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry 12:30p Book Club | 15 | 16 MVCA Picnic |
| 17 May Easter 7 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 May Pentecost | 25 Memorial Day | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 Yard Sale 8am to 1pm |
| 31 May Trinity Sunday 4pm Choral Evensong at St. James' | June 1 6:30p Cub Scouts | 2 | 3 6:30p Cub Scouts | 4 10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry | 5 | 6 |

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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May at St. James'



May 7— Join your St. James' friends for a night of theater at the Little Theater in Old Town Alexandria. We will see *The Odd Couple: the Female Version*. Reception before the show! See page 2 for more details.



May 9— Church Spring Cleaning - See the sign up list in the gallery and join us to work inside and out to spruce up our church home.



May 30 — Yard Sale, Bake Sale & Second-Hand Rose Boutique
Items are being collected now and everyone can help!
Tell your friends about the sale—there will be treasure for everyone. See page 5 for more information.