



St. James' Notes



May 2018



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',

Some things follow in natural order. Two follows one; spring follows winter; sunshine follows rain. Pentecost follows Easter.

Pentecost remembers the gift of the Holy Spirit that filled Jesus' disciples, empowering them to be apostles of the Gospel to the world. Jesus promised his followers that the Holy Spirit would come upon them, "the Spirit of truth, to be with you forever."

Jesus' Easter resurrection gives us the promise of new life, new beginnings, new opportunities to know and love and serve God. The gift of the Holy Spirit completes the gift of resurrection, by filling us with the same divine spirit and power that guided and sustained Jesus.

By the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, we are able to do so much more than we could before. Because it is now God in Christ who acts in and through us. We are no longer limited by our fears and our frailties; we have the confidence and boldness to speak and act in the name of Jesus.

Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, and let the power of Christ in you guide your life. And give thanks, because gratitude follows blessing.

In Christ,
Charles+



60th Anniversary!

On Sunday, June 10, we will be celebrating the 60th Anniversary of St. James' founding. We have a few special events for everyone to participate in.

Sunday, June 3 at 4pm

St. James' Meet and Greet at Ray and Marge Smith's House, 3210 Cunningham Drive, Alexandria, VA 22309.

Friday, June 8 at 7pm

St. James' Story Telling and Sock Drive for the Homeless
Dinner hosted by St. James' Next in Braxton Hall.

Sunday, June 10:15am Worship Service and Picnic

Father Richard Stinson, former St. James' Rector, will be preaching and joining us for the Annual Picnic after worship.

You're Invited

St. James' Episcopal Church at Mount Vernon

The Diocese of Virginia

The Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston
Diocesan Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff
Bishop Suffragan

The Rt. Rev. Edwin F. "Ted" Gulick Jr.
Assistant Bishop

The Rev. Charles F. Brock
Rector

Staff

Jenny Kennedy
Parish Administrator

Alan Moser
Director of Music

Vestry

Ray Smith (2019)
Senior Warden, Admin/Finance
Plant & Property

Mary Bramley (2019)
Jr. Warden, Growth & Evangelism

Diana Courtney (2021)
Youth Christian Education/Activities

Ben Justesen (2020)
Adult Christian Education

Rosemarie Richard (2020)
Parish Events

John Thompson (2021)
Mission & Outreach

Mary Jane Van den Berg (2021)
Parish Family

Mike Morgan
Treasurer

Marge Smith
Register

Trustees

Peg Iber
Lib Mueller
Ray Smith

Shrine Mont Weekend Away Friday, July 6 to Sunday, July 8



Come join your parish family for some fellowship, worship, fun, and relaxation on our annual weekend away. The weekend starts on Friday evening and concludes early Sunday afternoon; and includes two nights lodging and six meals of comfort food. Enjoy hiking, reading, swimming, tennis, relaxing on the porch, and countless other activities. Experience Sunday morning worship in the open air Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration. Shrine Mont is located in

Orkney Springs, VA, and please check out their website at www.shrinemont.com.

Our weekend will coincide with the annual Bishop's Jubilee. All children will be FREE. There will be a program for adults and children. More details to follow.

Please sign up on the poster in the gallery. If you have any questions, contact Aimee Bramley (571) 242-4837 ambramley@gmail.com.

Bulletin Board

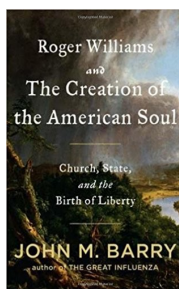
St. James' Next

St. James' Next will have a May 20 meeting at the home of Chris Marbaker and Kevin Diana at 4:00pm. Details and address will be sent out soon. Next is a group for young adults and families with young children. Contact Mary Bramley (703) 629-9158 if you have questions.



May Book Club

We meet for our end of year lunch on May 10 at noon at the home of Lib Mueller. Bring your ideas, we will pick our books for next year at the lunch. Please RSVP to Lib so she set a place for you (703) 360-0561. Over the summer we read Roger Williams *the Creation of the American Soul* by John Barry. Join us.



Theology on Tap

We will be meeting on May 14 at 6:00pm at Fairwinds Brewery 7000 Newington Rd., Lorton, VA. This month's discussion will be on Language, Racism, and the Bible.



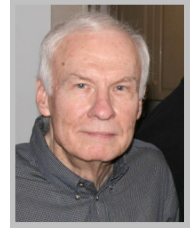
Theology on tap provides adults an opportunity to explore issues and topics that relate to faith and life in a casual, fun, low-pressure environment. We meet monthly to share thoughts and experiences on a variety of topics. And we do this while enjoying a good beer and a burger (although other foods and drinks are also available)!

Everyone is welcome! Invite a friend or two! If you have questions, please contact Andrew Brown brownad3@gmail.com.

From the Senior Warden

Dear Friends,

Fairfax County has plans to fill in the missing segments of the bike/walking trail from Mount Vernon to Route One at Woodlawn. There is no firm completion date at this time but probably it will be constructed in the next 1 ½ to 2 years. St. James' will be affected by this project because one of the missing segments will cross St. James' property. At St. James', the trail will take a 23 foot piece of land along the edge of Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. The actual trail will be 10 feet wide and the other 13 feet will be used for curbing, guttering and buffer zones.



At first thought, we don't want to lose part of our land but I believe something positive will result from this project. Instead of only having people in cars passing by our church at 45 miles an hour, we would have some people walking and biking at a much slower pace. Therefore we will need to improve our signage and make that side of the church more attractive and inviting to the surrounding community.

Some of the present Stations of the Cross are in the proposed path of the trail. However the Stations are now located in an area of low visibility and high maintenance. In the future we can expect more dead limbs and trees to fall as they did in the recent wind storm. Our Stations of the Cross are very unique as I don't know of any other outdoor Stations in the area. The Stations could easily be moved to a more prominent location in the churchyard between the church and Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Then if they were attractively laid out and landscaped, we would be able to share them with people in our community who were going by St. James' on the new trail. This would result in more visibility for the church and a better connection to our community.

Ray Smith
Senior Warden

From the Welcoming Team

Did you know that as a member of St. James', YOU are a member of the Welcoming Team? Everyone here helps with welcoming our new members and engaging newcomers as they move from being new to being just members. As you are a part of the team, think about how you felt when you first joined. What made you come those first few Sundays? What has made you stayed? These are important questions to ask yourself because it will help you as you interact with our new members. Here are some tips when a new member comes to church and how you can help the Welcoming Leadership Team in their efforts:

1. People join people. We can praise Jesus anywhere, but you choose to come to St. James'. Saying "hello" and introducing yourself is a great way to make anyone feel welcomed and wanted at church.
2. Don't be afraid to ask questions! And, not yes or no questions. Ask them why they came to St. James' that morning, what they are looking for in a church, what their interests are, etc. Most importantly, when you find out this information, tell someone! If new member Molly is really interested in Sunday School teaching, be sure to let Father Charles and Diana Courtney know.
3. Introduce them to people as you are talking to them. If they say something that reminds you of someone else, invite that person into the conversation. Such as, if they say Sunday School, go get one of the other Sunday School teachers so they can share their experiences too.
4. A person's favorite word is their name. Try to say it often as you are speaking to them. It will also help you remember their name. If you forget it when they come back next Sunday, don't be afraid to reintroduce yourself, they probably also forgot your name!



With these four basic welcoming principles, you can help St. James' continue to be the welcoming place it has always been!

Thank you to those that Assist in Worship

Each Sunday we are so fortunate that so many volunteer to help lead our Sunday worship. In every effort to get your assignment to you in a timely manner, please note the schedule printed in this newsletter on page 6. The printed schedule is for the current month and then for two weeks into the next month. We hope this will be of use to you.

Join Us on Facebook

Don't forget to like our Facebook page. If you have any great pictures of the church, events, or just a group of St. James' parishioners out in the community, send them to Mary Bramley at maryfbramley@gmail.com with a little bit about the picture.



Prayers

Happy Birthday!

11 Amy Smith
15 Barbara Tucker
23 Dean Sherick
23 Ruth Walsh
24 Brett Riley
29 Mary Blair

Happy Anniversary

May 12, 2012 Andrew & Rosemarie Richard
May 16, 1981 Mike & Cheryl Nostrand

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!



Mission & Outreach

Second Quarter Mission ~ Alice's Kids

Alice's Kids works with teachers and counselors to identify children in our area with specific needs and anonymously pays for those items. The needs are usually the extras in a child's life like camps, or athletic equipment, prom tickets or musical instruments. If you would like to donate to Alice's Kids make your checks payable to St. James' and write "Alice's Kids" in the memo line.

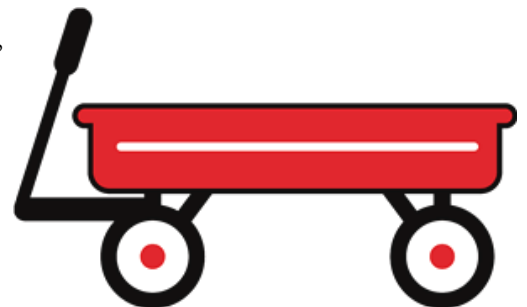


Rising Hope Food Pantry

Thank you for your continued support of Rising Hope Food Pantry! As always, your contributions to the Red Wagon are always greatly appreciated and greatly needed.

Food Pantry Needs: Canned meats, pasta, soup, rice, dry beans, canned tomato products, Canned vegetables, fruits, beans, cereal, powdered drink mix, coffee, tea, peanut butter, jelly, salad dressing, and dish soap

Emergency Family Needs: Men, women and children's clothing for Clothing Closet, toothpaste, deodorant, walking shoes/boots, sneakers, gift cards for food



Choir Notes

Dear friends,

In *Miracles*, C.S. Lewis observed: *Nothing can seem extraordinary until you have discovered what is ordinary.*

We will soon have passed through Eastertide and arrived at the observances of Pentecost and Trinity Sunday, marking our passage into the Sundays after Pentecost, also called ordinary time. Now this “ordinary” has nothing to do with “plain” or “lackluster”; indeed, it is during this ordinary time that we consider the extraordinary gifts of living out our Christian faith and the examining the meaning of Christ's resurrection in ordinary life.



For me, one of the musical joys of the time between Pentecost and Advent is the opportunity to sing a wide range of hymns. I have already started planning hymns for the season after Pentecost and would like to finish through Labor Day soon. This is a great time to be able to sing your favorite hymns – whether from the Episcopal tradition or perhaps another. I solicit and welcome your input for hymns that you would like to sing at some time during the summer. I have placed blue request forms in the gallery for your use. Please return them to me or to my box in the church office before Pentecost, May 20. I will try to incorporate each requested hymn in my recommendations to the Rector. Don't worry if the hymn you want is not in *Hymnal 1982*; I will try to find it, but you may have to hum a few notes to get me on the right track. Thank you to those of you who have made suggestions in prior years; I think we have been able to accommodate all the suggestions, except for one that we deferred until the fall. I'm looking forward to your input!

Soli Deo gloria,

Alan Moser



News From the Diocese

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER REVISION No, this is not about to happen. In fact, it probably won't happen for several years. However, the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, on which Bishop Shannon Johnston has served, has been looking at our usage of the BCP. How can it be used better? What might a new BCP look like if and when we decide to do a revision? With more parishes finding ways to deviate from the liturgical norm, and with many churches printing the service in their bulletins, or projecting it on a screen, the Book of Common Prayer is evolving – even without official revision.



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

Please sign up for a Sunday on the chart in Braxton Hall. Bring your favorite snack - sweet or savory – homemade or store bought – to share. Coffee, cups, and napkins are provided. You will need to set out your treat and clean up before you go. Got to leave early? Sign up with a buddy; it takes a village, as they say. Thank you!



Schedule of Ministry ~ May 6 to June 3

	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27	June 3	June 10
	Easter 6	Easter 7	Pentecost	Trinity Sunday	Pentecost 2	60th Anniversary Sunday & Picnic
Celebrant	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Richard Stinson
Vestry Person	Diana Courtney	John Thompson	Rosemarie Richard	Ray Smith	John Thompson	MaryJane VandenBerg
Welcoming Team	Laurie doCarmo	Mike Morgan	Lib Mueller	Peggy Rudesheim	Jane Wosoogh	Mary Bramley
Ushers	Mike Morgan Barbara Riley	Wayne Johnson Ellen Cleary	Ray Smith Fred Rudesheim	Bob Blair Mary Blair	Mark Braden McKayla Braden	Fred Rudesheim Chad Duffield
	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	
Chalice	Paul Vivian	David Batcheller	Agnes Chapman	Stan Dawson	Vicky Vivian	No 8am service this day.
Lector	Agnes Chapman	Stan Dawson	Janet Fallin	Paul Vivian	David Batcheller	
Psalm	Paul Vivian	David Batcheller	Agnes Chapman	Stan Dawson	Vicky Vivian	
Prayers	Diana Courtney	John Thompson	Rosemarie Richard	Ray Smith	John Thompson	
	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am
Sunday School	Mark Braden McKayla Braden	Andrew Brown Ally Brown	Andrew Richard Rosemarie Richard	No Sunday School	Andrew Brown Ally Brown	Andrew Richard Rosemarie Richard
	10:15am	10:15am	10:15am	10:15am	10:15am	10:15am
Chalice	Marghe Bowker	Amber Tussing	Peg Iber	Mary Bramley	Mary Blair	Mike Morgan
Lesson 1	Mary Lowe	Mark Braden	Bill Iber	Bob Blair	Peg Iber	Mary Bramley
Psalm	Sung	Sung	Sung	Mary Blair	Suzanne Synnestvedt	Mary Blair
Lesson 2	James Eustis	McKayla Braden	Ben Justesen	James Eustis	Marghe Bowker	Janet Fallin
Prayers	Nancy Sherick	Ryan Duffield	Mike Morgan	Cheryl Nostrand	John Thompson	MaryJane VandenBerg
Sacraments	Heidi Brock Diana Courtney	Mike Morgan Lib Mueller	Mark Braden McKayla Braden	Taylor Family	Laurie doCarmo Anne Patrick	Lib Mueller Peg Iber
Acolyte	Aiden Kohler	Chris Marbaker	Ben Justesen	Amber Tussing	Ryan Duffield	Ben Justesen
Organist	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser
Counter	Nancy Sherick	Wayne Johnson	Jane Wosoogh	Marge Smith	Nancy Sherick	Jane Wosoogh
Altar Guild	Viani Team	Viani Team	Viani Team	Viani Team	Iber Team	Iber Team

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EVERY WEEK at St. James' Episcopal Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8:00a Holy Eucharist Rite II 9:00 Adult Forum 10:00 Sunday School 10:15a Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:30a Coffee		7pm Piyo Fitness Class	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
29 April Easter 5	30	1 May	2	3 10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry	4	5
6 May Easter 6	7	8	9	10 10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry 1pm Book Club See page 2 6:30 DOK Dinner	11	12 8am Brotherhood Breakfast
13 May Easter 7 Mothers' Day	14 Theology on Tap See page 2	15 Vestry	16	17	18	19
20 May Pentecost 4pm St. James' Next See page 2	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 May Trinity Sunday	28	29	30	31	1 June	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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Mark Your Calendar for June 10 60th Anniversary of St. James'



Come celebrate one service at 10:15am.
We will welcome the Rev. Richard Stinson, rector of St. James'
from 1970 to 1991, as guest preacher.
Enjoy a festive picnic with cake for everyone!
