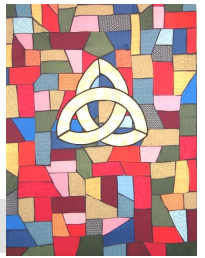




St. James' Notes

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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
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Communion.



Dear People of St. James',

Easter is the season in which we celebrate resurrection—first the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and then his resurrection made real and present in our own lives.

In these days following our great Easter Sunday celebration, I have been witnessing the power of the resurrection among us.

There is resurrection at work in the support and courage we know when one of us is sick. I've experienced resurrection joy in the recovery of one we feared was lost. I've been comforted by resurrection hope at the death of one who suffered, and I've watched resurrection healing among those left behind.

The hope of the resurrection is not just a future hope, but a present reality. As Jesus has been raised into the life of the Father, so are we all. God is as present to us in the here and now as we believe he will be on the day of resurrection. Through the grace of God and the love of Jesus, we know resurrection in our lives... today!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Charles+



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Outreach

St. James' Mission of the 2nd Quarter

St. James' will reach out to Rising Hope, the local mission that serves the most-at-risk families and individuals on our local Rt. 1 corridor. Our ministry during April, May, and June will expand our current activities and launch some new ones.



How can you help? Read on and find out.

BRING! 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.



PREPARE! Can you cook a casserole once a month? Rising Hope serves a hot lunch every day to over 50 people. Please sign up on the poster in the Gallery if you have any interest, lots or little, in being involved. Marge Katz will lead this program, so you don't need expertise or recipes to cook for crowds. Call Marge if you have questions (703) 347-9952



VOLUNTEER! Rising Hope needs a few volunteers for their Clothes Closet. If anyone is interested in doing this, speak to Father Charles. Several people could share a weekly 2 ½ hour time. Here's a description from the volunteer coordinator at Rising Hope:
"We need volunteers who can bring a friendly face to our Rags to Riches Clothing Closet. This is an opportunity to get to know those we serve. The duties include folding clothes, welcoming constituents, and directing people to the types of clothes they need. The Clothing Closet serves in a very practical way. Volunteering just 2 ½ hours a week will make a difference."



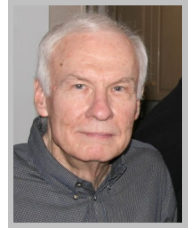
COLLECT! As the weather gets warmer, the Rising Hope people need everyday summer clothing, work or job interview outfits, linens and bedding. As you sort your clothes and linen closets, save good quality items you don't need. Or, watch ads and buy items on sale. Information is coming soon about a St. James' clothing drive.



Thank You! St. James' collected socks for the homeless on Maundy Thursday. Over 133 pairs were collected and will be donated through Rising Hope Mission Church.

Senior Warden's Corner

At the end of Vestry meetings, before the closing prayers, members are asked if they have any Sightings of the Spirit to report. The reported Sightings vary considerably since they involve personal observation and interpretation. They may be about such things as something good that has happened, an act of kindness or something pertaining to the wonders of nature. My own definition of a Sighting would be something that brightens my day or makes me think of the Holy Spirit.



A few weeks ago when I came to church, the sunlight was streaming through the small stained glass window in the alcove between the gallery and the doors in the back of the church. The cross in the window was perfectly projected on the floor in front of the doors. Certainly this event was not something supernatural and it will be repeated again whenever the sun is the proper alignment with the window. However, at the time it happened it met my definition of a Sighting of the Spirit. I would also consider the wonderful joy filled service, the good size crowd and the children enjoying the Egg Hunt on Easter morning to be a Sighting of the Spirit.

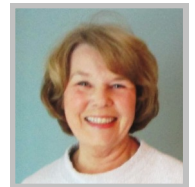
No doubt there are more Sightings of the Spirit than we realize, if only we could be more open to them and more observant in recognizing them.

May the Spirit be with you!

Ray Smith

From the Junior Warden

After a few false starts, it looks like spring is really here. Spring flowers were certainly in abundance at St. James' on Easter morning. While the "lilies of the fields . . . toil not," the decorating team and the garden angels worked hard at their labor of love. Thank you for making our church so beautiful and sharing the beauty of God's creation through flowers.



We had a meaningful Holy Week and a wonderful Easter, starting with the Easter eggs that the children created for our Easter Egg Tree, to the inspiring services on Easter morning, followed by a fun Easter Egg Hunt, and a wonderful reception. I am always amazed at the talents and the efforts of so many people, seen and unseen, (members of the Altar Guild, acolytes and chalcists, choir members, ushers, counters, readers, Vestry members, cooks, artists, planners and organizers, etc. and, of course, our priest, organist/choir director, and administrative assistant), who come together to make these events not only possible, but memorable. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making our Easter celebration so glorious.

Looking ahead, please mark your calendars for the spring Parish Picnic on June 8 at the church following the 10:15am service.

Cheryl Viani

Music Ministry Notes

Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The people of St. James' have certainly recalled "ALLELUIA!" from its Lenten hiding place we described last month.

The Psalms of David are among the oldest songs of the church, and alongside them are the canticles. On an "average" Sunday morning, one would expect to hear the canticle, "*Gloria in excelsis*," immediately following the Collect for Purity. But Eastertide is no average time, so until Pentecost, we will replace the Gloria and sing out in Easter joy, "Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord." We then will progress to Spirit-filled thoughts of "Happy Birthday" for the church at Pentecost and then to the hymns of Trinity Sunday recalling our belief in a triune God.

So why do I tell you all this? Simple. In our music, we proclaim our theology. We hear the word of God in readings and expounded in sermons, but my bets are on our hymnody as the most memorable lessons of all. In words attributed to St. Augustine, one "who sings, prays twice." So when it's time to sing the hymn or psalm or canticle, sing out joyfully (as you always do).

Soli Deo Gloria,

Alan Moser



Bulletin Board

Coffee Hour Hosts

Sign up to be a Coffee Hour host on the poster outside the kitchen. Responsibilities include coffee set up, light snacks and clean up. Please help serve this ministry of hospitality and fellowship. Thank You!



Book Club

Everyone is invited to join Book Club. For May we are reading *Corduroy Mansions* by Alexander McCall Smith and meet May 8 and May 22 at 12:30pm in Braxton Hall. Please consider joining us!



The deadline for submitting articles is the 15th of the month. Please send your articles to office@stjamesmv.org



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Prayers

May Birthdays



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

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.



Happy Anniversary

May 12, 2012
Andrew & Rosemarie Richard

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, Sara, Nicholas

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.

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ALTAR GUILD

Volunteer for the Altar Guild

Please consider joining this behind-the-scenes ministry. Volunteers work in teams and alternate within the team for their responsibilities. We have four teams. One team is responsible for setting up the Altar before worship service and alternates every month. We have the Brass Team that polishes the brass once a month. The Linen Team needs someone to be responsible for caring for the altar linens once every four months and finally we have the Flower Team – that will deliver left over Altar flowers occasionally. We hope that men and women, young and old will consider this special ministry. Please contact Peg Iber or Cheryl Viani if you would like to sign up.

Our Church Summer Retreat at Shrine Mont, a "Place Apart"

Everyone is invited for our weekend retreat Friday, June 27, through Sunday, June 29. We have an inspirational program planned for adults and children. There is free time to enjoy the beautiful location, exceptionally good meals, and a special outdoor worship service. We think a little, we talk a lot, we sing and play together. The schedule is informal. Each one shares in activities as he wishes. The cost is only \$150 per adult for two nights and six meals. Children 18 years and younger are free. Scholarship is available – see Father Charles. Shrine Mont is about a three hour drive, carpooling can be arranged. Plan to arrive around 5:30pm on Friday and stay until after lunch on Sunday. Sign up on the poster in the gallery. More information is available from the church office or in the gallery. And of course you can talk to anyone who has gone before to find out more about this very special place.



Schedule of Ministry ~ May 4 to June 1

	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25	June 1
	Easter 3	Easter 4	Easter 5	Easter 6	Easter 7
Celebrant	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock
Vestry Person of the Day	Dean Sherick	Ben Justesen	Ray Smith	Ray Smith	Cheryl Viani
Welcoming Team	Laurie doCarmo	Andy De La Cour	Mike Morgan	Ellen Cleary	Jane Wosoogh
Ushers	Doug Cleary	Ray Smith	Wayne Johnson	Eric Katz	Andrew Richard
	Ellen Cleary	Marge Smith	Barbara Riley	Margaret Katz	Rosemarie Richard
	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
Chalice	David Batcheller	Stan Dawson	Mary Blair	Paul Vivian	David Batcheller
Lector	Vicky Vivian	Mary Blair	Bob Blair	David Batcheller	Stan Dawson
Psalm	David Batcheller	Stan Dawson	Mary Blair	Paul Vivian	David Batcheller
Prayers	Dean Sherick	Ben Justesen	Ray Smith	Ray Smith	Cheryl Viani
Sunday School	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM
	Francesca Wallace	Andrew Richard	Eric Katz	Mark Braden	Francesca Wallace
	May Lowe	Rosemarie Richard	Marge Katz	McKyla Braden	Mary Lowe
	10:15 AM	10:15 AM	10:15 AM	10:15 AM	10:15 AM
Chalice	Pat Rowell	Mike Morgan	Amber Tussing	Pat Rowell	Marghe Bowker
Lesson 1	Gus Braun	Gordon Grant	Mike Morgan	John Thompson	James Eustis
Lesson 2	Mark Braden	Sean Wallace	Ann Chadwick	Marisa Gearhart	Suzanne Synnestvedt
Prayers	McKayla Braden	Pat Rowell	Ben Justesen	Hank Morgan	Cheryl Nostrand
Sacraments	Walsh Family	Doug & Ellen Cleary	Celso & Antonia Rodriguez	MJ Van den Berg Barbara Riley	Lib Mueller Laurie doCarmo
Crucifer/ Acolyte	Martha Normand/ Amber Tussing	Pat Rowell	Ben Justesen	Pat Rowell	Ben Justesen
Organist	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser
Counter	Nancy Sherick	Marge Smith	Wayne Johnson	Marge Smith	Nancy Sherick
Altar Guild	Viani Team	Viani Team	Viani Team	Viani Team	Iber Team
Snack	Doug & Ellen Cleary		Sue King, Isabel Spann	McDonald Family	

May 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 7p Choir Practice 8:30p AA Mtg			8:30p AA Mtg

THIS MONTH at St. James' Episcopal Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 April Easter 2 Children Plant A Garden after the 10:15am service	28	29	30	1 May 10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry	2	3
4 May Easter 3 Daughters of the King Meeting	5 6:30p Cub Scouts	6 6:30p Cub Scouts	7 6:30p Cub Scouts	8 10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry 12:30p Book Club	9	10 8am Brotherhood Breakfast
11 May Easter 4	12 6:30p Cub Scouts	13 7:15p Vestry	14 6:30p Cub Scouts	15	16	17 MVCA Picnic
18 May Easter 5 4:00pm Meet & Greet	19	20	21	22 12:30p Book Club	23	24
25 May Easter 6	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31

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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Sunday, May 18

Meet & Greet

Social Gathering

All are invited to Marge and Ray Smith's home, 3210 Cunningham Drive in Alexandria from 4:00 to 6:00pm. Come and meet our newest members. Please bring finger food to share.

Sunday, June 8

Church Picnic

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

