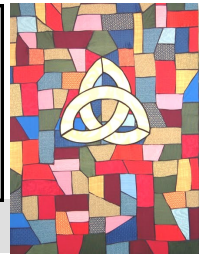




St. James' Notes



October 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',

October is a month packed with opportunities for us to invite and welcome friends and neighbors to visit St. James'!

The Blessing of the Animals (Sunday, October 7, 3pm) is always a joyful event when people bring their dogs, cats, birds, and other pets to be blessed. We sometimes see more people from outside the church than members! Our pets are such important friends and members of our families... tell your pet-loving acquaintances about this service!

The air will be filled with the fragrant scent of roasting pork, as the Brotherhood of St. Andrew puts on their annual BBQ (Saturday, October 13, 9am-3pm). Bring some friends with you for a delicious lunch, then take home some BBQ for dinner... and shop the Yard Sale for holiday gift ideas!

Reformation Sunday is when we give thanks for the gifts of the Protestant Reformation, and we will celebrate it with our friends from Epiphany Lutheran Church. We will worship at Epiphany Lutheran with one combined service (Sunday, October 28, 9:30am).

October ends with the fun and excitement of Halloween. St. James' plans to reach out to families with small children by hosting a Trunk or Treat in our parking lot on Sunday, October 28, at 4pm—see below for more information. Be sure to let families know about this opportunity, and plan yourself to decorate the trunk of your car and hand out treats to all our visitors!

St. James' has an open and welcoming heart, and October is a month when we have lots of opportunities to show it!

In Christ,
Charles+



Trunk or Treat! Sunday, October 28, at 4pm

St. James' will be offering Trunk or Treat to our families and the families in the community. If you haven't ever been to a Trunk or Treat, it is a fun, safe way for kids to trick or treat. We need all of you to come with the trunk of your car or SUV decorated for Halloween and ready to hand out candies or other treats. Kids can then walk up and down the parking lot from car to car to go trick or treating in a safe and confined area. Be as creative as you want (but please avoid scary themed decorations). Any questions can be emailed to Diana Courtney at dianacourtney3@gmail.com.



Mission and Outreach

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

Rt. Rev. Robert Wilkes Ihloff
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

Chris Marbaker (2019)
Mission & Outreach

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

Third Quarter Mission

The mission for the third quarter is Rise Against Hunger (formally called Stop Hunger Now) and will take place on Saturday, November 17. We will need as many hands that are able to help pack 10,000 meals for those in need across the globe. Thank you for your gifts that help cover the costs of the program.



Red Wagon for Rising Hope Mission

Thank you to all who continuously give food to the Red Wagon which has a direct impact on our local community. 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 is delivered each week to Rising Hope Mission Church to support their ministry to the homeless and hungry along the Route 1 corridor.



Interested in getting involved in the local and global outreach programs at St. James'? Please let Chris Marbaker know (chris.marbaker@gmail.com).

Bulletin Board



Theology on Tap will meet on Thursday, October 18, 7:00pm at the Del Ray Pizzeria. Join us as we discuss issues of our faith and enjoy some fellowship with each other.

St. James' Next is for young adults and those with young families. We meet Sunday, October 21, after the 10:15am worship service in the back classrooms. Join us.



Congratulations to Ray Bonniwell on the occasion of becoming a naturalized citizen of the United States.

Want a Directory? We have printed directories. They are available on the credenza by the church office or you can email Jenny and she will send you a pdf or a printed version. Office@stjamesmv.org



Choir Notes

Dear Friends,

A friend recently shared a satire about hymns, old and new, albeit in the context of the Lutheran church. The (fake) news article reported the hospitalization of hundreds after a new hymn was introduced in church. All in good fun, but it points out some things to think about. How do hymns get into our hymnal and into our Sunday morning service? An abbreviated answer to the first question is “only after long, careful, prayerful, painstaking consideration by theologians, musicians, clergy, and the people.”



A more detailed answer to the second is this. Several weeks before a new season in the church year, I gather together all the lessons for the upcoming Sundays and read and reflect on them. I then prepare, using several published guides along with the results of my reflection and prayer, a list of suggestions for each Sunday and submit those to the Rector, who then reviews and reflects on them and either approves them or sends them back with suggestions or comments, and then we work together to come to final selection. Ultimately, the Rector’s decision prevails, as is appropriate given his canonical responsibility to provide for music for the service. During the whole process, we look at how the selections align with the lectionary for the day, how “singable” the songs seem to be, whether they are well known to the parish or need to be introduced as a new hymn that should be in our repertoire. Sometimes we hit home runs (“gee, I really loved the hymns today!” or the sound of people humming or whistling one of the hymn tunes at coffee hour); sometimes we strike out (aka dead silence from the congregation during the hymn). And there are the summer hymn suggestions for those who don’t think we consider their favorites. (Actually, I’m happy to have suggestions any time, with the understanding that it may be a year or more before they fit in.)

Back to the article. One of the questions raised in the reporter’s investigation was “why weren’t congregants warned” ... (ahead of time)? Well, fair warning: in November, look for a new set of service music. We will be singing (and enjoying, I hope) a setting for Holy Communion composed by our neighbor, Peter Crisafulli, minister of music at All Saints Episcopal Church, Chevy Chase. The choir is already becoming familiar with these settings, so they can help lead you in singing your praises with a new song!

Soli Deo Gloria!

Alan Moser

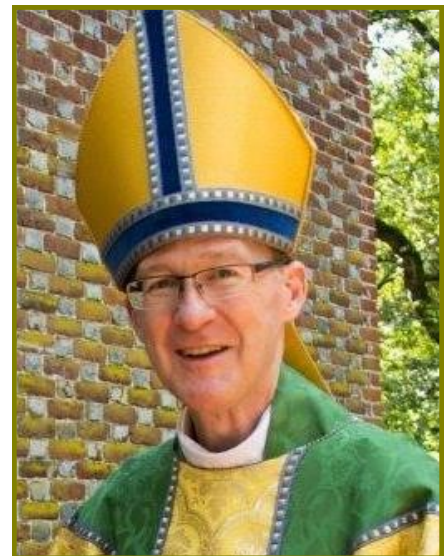
P.S. The “news article” is posted on the bulletin board near Braxton Hall!

News from the Diocese

Bishop Shannon Johnston has announced that he will resign during the November Diocesan Annual Convention. He will fully retire on July 1, 2019, after having served over twelve years as Bishop. In his letter of August 3, Bishop Shannon called for “a new vision and new energy for the Church in our diocese.” He also said that “being Bishop of Virginia has been the greatest honor and privilege of my life. I love this diocese with all my heart.”

A Bishop Provisional will be elected at the November Convention in Richmond who will serve approximately three years or more if needed. Per the Standing Committee, “The Bishop Provisional will be an experienced Bishop who will have the canonical authority of a Bishop Diocesan, and who will partner with us in a thorough diocesan review to enable us to prepare for a healthy call for our next Bishop Diocesan.”

If you want to find out more about the process in selecting a new Bishop, visit the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia website at TheDiocese.net.



October 13

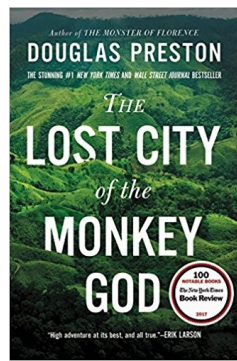
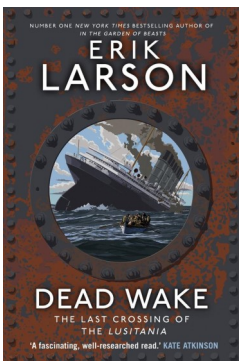
BBQ, Holiday Yard Sale & Bake Sale

It's that time of year again for yummy BBQ, holiday treasures and sweet treats. Please invite your friends and family to join us at the Saturday, October 13, BBQ, Holiday Yard Sale & Bake Sale from 9am to 3pm. Of course we can't do it without you, so please donate your unwanted holiday treasures and plan to bake for the bake sale. See details below:

Collecting now for Holiday Yard Sale. We will feature Christmas, Thanksgiving, Halloween, and other holiday decorations and items. Please make sure your donations are clean and in good condition. Collection boxes are in Braxton Hall and the Gallery. If you have questions, please call Cheryl Viani at (703) 360-8799 or Laurie doCarmo at (703) 780-8054. Tax deduction forms will be available.

The Bake Sale booth needs all types of wonderful goodies. The items that sell the best are bags of homemade cookies, fudge and snacks that can be nibbled on for dessert after a fabulous BBQ lunch. Pies and cakes are also popular. You can deliver the night before or the early morning of the sale. Be sure to label your creations and especially say if they have nuts.

Bulletin Board



Book Club

St. James' Book Club will meet on Thursday, October 11 and are reading *Dead Wake; The last Crossing of the Lusitania* by Erik Larson. In November we meet on the November 8 and are reading *Lost City of Monkey God: A True Story* by Douglas Preston, Questions? Call Lib Mueller at (703) 360-0561. Everyone is welcome. Join us!



Sunday School and Adult Forum Every Sunday

At 9:00am we have Adult Forum with coffee and conversation in Braxton Hall. At 10:00am we offer Sunday School for children Kindergarten through 5th grade. The children join their parents in church for the passing of the peace and communion.

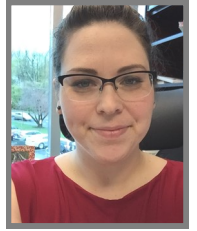
Reformation Sunday at Epiphany Lutheran Church Sunday, October 28, 9:30am

The Protestant Reformation led to the formation of the Lutheran Church and deeply influenced the Episcopal/Anglican Church. Please join us for this combined service with our neighbors across the street at Epiphany Lutheran. Please note that there will be only one service and the time is at 9:30am, at Epiphany Lutheran. Church.



From the Junior Warden

Happy Fall Y'all! We are back in business here at St. James'. I cannot believe September is already done and we have a packed October! Blessing of the Animals will be on Sunday, October 7, at 3pm. Bring your pet, fish or fowl, dog or cat, to be blessed as we remember St. Francis of Assisi and his love for all creatures. I hope to bring Poe Boy this year, with his bow tie. The following weekend is the Brotherhood of St. Andrew's Annual BBQ. Come out for a good meal and great time. Don't forget to donate your holiday ornaments and items for the yard sale happening at the same time. St. James' Next is starting back up, as well as Theology on Tap. We also will be celebrating, at the end of the month, with Epiphany Lutheran Church for the observance of Reformation Sunday. Throughout all of this, we will still be having Adult Forum on Sundays, Sunday School, Choir, Altar Guild, Book Club, Wednesday Bible Study and Eucharist. We don't slow down at St. James' and I am looking forward to an action packed October.



Mary Bramley

Growth & Evangelism

One of my favorite sayings, that makes my friends and co-workers either smile or groan is: *"you never know where Jesus is."* I usually say it when something works out just perfectly, or in a way that is needed. Such as when I am running late to a meeting and the light turns green, or when I need a 2pm pick me up and a meeting has leftover snacks and coffee.

But, I think my favorite times is to recall stories to friends about when Jesus was there unexpectedly. Such as when we found out about my dad's accident and my mom called her cousin, my Uncle John, who lived in Texas. When my Aunt Adele answered the phone, she said John is in D.C. for work. Having another family member there right away was truly a moment that Jesus shined into our lives. Or when several St. James' members brought food over in coming weeks to make it that much easier for a new family of nine.

I see it all the time at St. James', I am reminded of when the wife of a choir member called Alan, to alert him of an accident, and several of us were able to spring into action. Whether it was going to the hospital or making casseroles. Or when a parishioner has a new baby and we bring food and gifts. How, by serving a hot meal at Rising Hope Mission Church, we are Jesus in the moment for a person in need in our community. I also think to my sister, Aimee's, recent incident. After hearing a lot of 'ifs' and sending out a text message, just before midnight, that alerted Charles to get to the hospital as my family was arriving. The prayers, calls, visits, well wishes were all moments of Jesus being there with us, that made Aimee a walking miracle.

I think to even the simpler things, pointing out which verse we are in the hymnal or sharing my prayer book with my pew neighbors are all ways I try to be Jesus for someone in that moment. When I see my fellow brother or sister in Christ welcoming someone new, or walking a parishioner back to their car, I am reminded that Jesus is here. It is not always the big actions, Jesus teaches us that even the smallest act can be the biggest act of love for the person next to you.

Mary Bramley



4 Joshua Charles Blair
4 Amber Tussing
4 Francesca Wallace
6 Elizabeth Whitehouse
12 Chris Nostrand
20 James Eustis
26 Amanda Braden
26 Reisa Kall



October 11 James & Katie Eustis
October 31 Alan & Elizabeth Moser

Schedule of Ministry ~ October 7 to November 4

	October 7	October 14	October 21	October 28	November 4
	Proper 22	Proper 23	Feast of St. James'	Reformation Sunday	Proper 26
Celebrant	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <p style="margin: 0;">Sunday, October 28, we will celebrate the Reformation with one service at 9:30am at Epiphany Lutheran Church.</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Join us!</p> </div>	The Rev. Charles Brock
Vestry Person	Ben Justesen	Rosemarie Richard	Ray Smith		MaryJane VandenBerg
Welcoming Team	Ellen Cleary	Mary Bramley	Mike Morgan		Mary Bramley
Ushers	Peg Iber Barbra Riley	Ray Smith Marge Smith	Wayne Johnson Chad Duffield		Ray Smith Marge Smith
	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am		8:00am
Chalice	Agnes Chapman	Stan Dawson	David Batcheller		Stan Dawson
Lesson 1	Tim Myers	David Batcheller	Tim Myers		David Batcheller
Lesson 2	Andy Wormser	Janet Fallin	Andrew Wormser		Janet Fallin
Prayers	David Batcheller	Stan Dawson	David Batcheller		Stan Dawson
	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am		10:00am
Sunday School	No Sunday School	Diana Courtney	Heidi Brock		No Sunday School
	10:15am	10:15am	10:15am		10:15am
Chalice	Mike Morgan	Mary Blair	Amber Tussing		Mary Bramley
Lesson 1	Nancy Sherick	Marghe Bowker	Ryan Duffield		Ben Justesen
Psalm	Mary Blair	Mark Braden	Ali Duffield		James Eustis
Lesson 2	Suzanne Synnestvedt	Mckayla Braden	Mike Morgan		Nancy Sherick
Prayers	Bob Blair	Bob Fitz	Cheryl Nostrand		Bill Iber
Sacraments	Bob & Mary Blair	Brown Family	Braden Family		Duffield Family
Acolyte	Ryan Duffield	Elizabeth Lowman	Amber Tussing	Ally Duffield	
Organist	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	
Counter	Nancy Sherick	Jane Wosoogh	Wayne Johnson	Nancy Sherick	
Altar Guild	Viani Team	Viani Team	Viani Team	Iber Team	

October 2018

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 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
30 September Proper 21	1 October	2	3	4 10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry	5	6
7 October Proper 22 3:00pm Blessing of the Animals	8	9 7:15p Vestry	10	11 10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry 1pm Book Club	12	13 9am to 3pm BBQ, Holiday Yard Sale & Bake Sale
14 October Proper 23	15	16	17	18 7pm Theology on Tap	19	20
21 October Feast of St. James of Jerusalem 11:30am St. James' Next Meeting	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 October 9:30am Reformation Sunday - One Service at Epiphany Lutheran 4pm Trunk or Treat	29	30	31	1 November 10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry	2	3

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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Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 7 3pm



Bring your cats, dogs, birds, your furry friends and even your not-so-furry friends to be blessed. This is a wonderful community event so invite your friends and neighbors. If weather permits, the blessing will be outside. Enjoy the fellowship of all God's creatures. Treats for animals and people alike will be served.

BBQ, Holiday Yard Sale & Bake Sale Saturday, October 13 9am to 3pm



Come for a yummy slow cooked BBQ lunch or get your BBQ to go—including our special sauce, beans and cole slaw. You will want to make time to shop for holiday treasures and sweets. Invite EVERYONE you know.