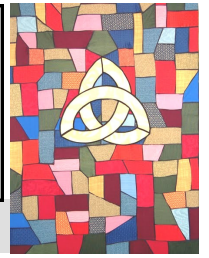




St. James' Notes



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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',

I write this message on the heels of a successful Craft Fair booth. On my desk I have the service program for the annual *Blessing of the Animals*. Publicity fliers for the Brotherhood of St. Andrew's *Pulled Pork BBQ* are getting ready for distribution. Hot lunches are being prepared for the hungry at *Rising Hope Mission Church*. *Bible Study*, *Choir*, and *Book Group* are meeting regularly. *AA* and *Cub Scouts* are here in the evenings. And we are looking forward to our *Stop Hunger Now* event, right before Thanksgiving.



There is a lot going on at St. James'. We are reaching out to our neighbors to connect with them, to invite them into our community, and to serve them and their needs.

St. James' does so much, and everything we do is in support of our ministry to our community, to be the presence of Christ here and now. We welcome people who are looking to know and worship God through Jesus; we reach out and serve those who are in need of our help and blessing. Each time we reach out to serve, it is an opportunity to invite someone to help us serve; each time we serve someone, is also an opportunity to invite them to join in the life of our community. Ministry, outreach, and evangelism are all entwined.

The *Stop Hunger Now* event, on Saturday November 19, is an especially good occasion to invite people to get to know St. James'. We will spend that Saturday morning packing ready-made meals to feed at least 10,000 people. I ask each of you to invite somebody to help us feed the hungry this way. People want to help... St. James' offers opportunities. And when they come, we can also invite them to stay, and help us do more, in the name of Jesus.

In Christ,
Charles+

P.S. Look for the new St. James' banner along the Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway. Thanks to the Brotherhood of St. Andrew for donating this, and to Katie



Our God's Bounty Booth at St. Luke's Fair. See page 4 for more.



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Parish Family

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Treasurer

Marge Smith
Register

Trustees

Peg Iber
Lib Mueller
Ray Smith

Birthdays and Anniversaries



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- 4 Francesca Wallace
- 6 Elizabeth Whitehouse
- 12 Chris Nostrand
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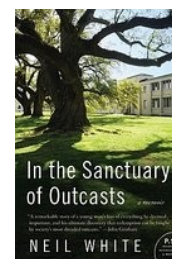
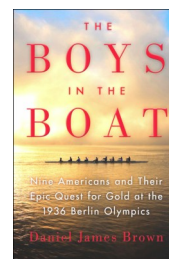


- October 6, 1984 Doug & Ellen Cleary
- October 11, 2008 James & Katie Eustis
- October 31 Alan & Elizabeth Moser

Bulletin Board

Book Club ~ October 13

St. James' Book Club will meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm in the church library. The book this month is Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown. Please join us. Next month the club plans to read In the Sanctuary of Outcasts by Neil White.



Spring 2017 Yard Sale - save those items!



April 29 is the date for the next St. James' Yard Sale and Second Hand Rose Boutique. Please set aside those items you think would sell. Collection times will be announced as we get closer to the date. (No adult clothing.) Questions? Contact Marghe Bowker, Mary Bramley, Laurie doCarmo, or Cheryl Viani.

Altar Flowers at St. James'

Thank you to everyone who so generously gives to the St. James' flower fund so we can have beautiful flowers on the Altar.

If you would like to give flowers in thanksgiving or in memory of a loved one, please see the sign-up poster in the gallery. Mark your name next to the date you would like. Take a form that you can fill out and return to the church office at least one week before your flower date so we can announce your gift in the Sunday bulletin. Any donation amount is welcome. Usually \$75 is sufficient to completely cover the cost of the arrangements on the Sunday altar. You are certainly free to take the flowers home with you after the worship service. Thank you!



Mission and Outreach

Bells Across America ~ October 9



Bells Across America recognizes our fallen firefighters when across the nation, a bell is rung. This year St. James' will be participating by bringing bell shaped cookies and other treats to our local fire

station after church on Sunday, October 9. If you would like to donate a treat or help deliver, please contact Mary Bramley at maryframley@gmail.com or call her at (703) 629-9158. Treats can be brought in on that Sunday.

Hot Lunches for Rising Hope

St. James' volunteers prepare and deliver **hot lunches** twice each month to 70 people at Rising Hope Mission Church. These folks are the areas poorest along our Route 1 corridor. Each lunch is so appreciated by those being fed. If you would like to help, please call Peggy Rudesheim at (703) 781-0474. The "cookers" are divided into teams so you only need to cook once a month. Thanks!



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, rice, dry beans
- ➔ Canned tomato products
- ➔ Canned vegetables, fruits, beans
- ➔ Cereal
- ➔ Powdered drink & ice tea mix
- ➔ Coffee & Tea bags
- ➔ Peanut butter, jelly
- ➔ Salad dressing - Italian and Ranch
- ➔ Dish soap, "pot scrubbers"

Emergency Family Needs

- ➔ Men, women and children's clothing
- ➔ Toothpaste
- ➔ Deodorant
- ➔ Walking shoes/boots, sneakers
- ➔ Gift cards for food



STOP HUNGER NOW

Third Quarter Mission – Stop Hunger Now

November 19 is almost here! We will be participating in packing 10,000 meals to be distributed to needy families world wide. Everyone who participated had a great time last year as we shared in fellowship and service. St. James donates \$3,000 to support his ministry and your contributions will help us get closer to that goal. Signups will begin in mid-October.

Choir Notes

Dear St. James' Friends,

John Wesley and his brother Charles were both priests of the Church of England and sometime ministers in colonial America. Both, but primarily Charles, provided us many wonderful hymns – more than we can ever sing. A quick scan of the hymn authors included in the *Hymnal 1982* shows their hymns among those most commonly included.



In the front of one of the hymnals in my library, John Wesley's rules for congregational singing are quoted. Here they are for your consideration:

1. Learn these tunes before you learn any others, afterwards learn as many as you please.
2. Sing them exactly as they are printed here, without altering or mending them at all; and if you have learned to sing them otherwise, unlearn it as soon as you can.
3. Sing All – see that you join the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not a slight degree of weakness or weariness hinder you. If it is a cross to you, take it up and you will find a blessing.
4. Sing Lustily – and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half-dead or half-asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, than when you sang the songs of Satan.
5. Sing Modestly – do not bawl so as to be heard above or distinct from the rest of the congregation that you may not destroy the harmony, but strive to unite your voices together so as to make one melodious sound.
6. Sing in time – whatever time is sung, be sure to keep with it. Do not run before and do not stay behind it; but attend closely to the leading voices and move therewith as exactly as you can and take care not to sing too slow. This drawling way naturally steals on all who are lazy; and it is high time to drive it out from among us and sing all our tunes just as quick as we did at first.
7. Sing spiritually – have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing Him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve here, and reward when he cometh in the clouds of heaven.

The Episcopal Church remembers the Wesleys with a feast day on March 3. Let us thankfully remember them this month, and let us all sing lustily, modestly, and above all, spiritually, to the Lord.

Soli Deo gloria, *Alan*

God's Bounty

Thank You For Your Generosity

We want to thank all of our parish members for their generous donations to our God's Bounty Booth at St. Luke's Art and Craft Fair. Our booth was a huge success, and we were able to raise a total of \$965.40 for the Church mission. We want to especially thank Heidi Brock and Rede Batcheller for teaching the congregation how to make jam and spiced peaches. Both items were a big seller at our booth. Our church chefs made cookies, breads, pies, and cakes that could easily put five pounds on the buyers. Thank you all. The variety of crafts that were donated to God's Bounty was amazing. We had paintings, quilted Christmas items, baby gifts, fancy dish towels and much more. Barbara Tucker generously donated a beautiful Christmas quilt to be raffled off, and Sara Thompson was the lucky winner. The raffle earned \$199.00.

The final thanks must go to Jenny Kennedy for her coordination and administrative support. She was a great proof reader as well. We relied heavily on Jenny to keep the publicity for the fair flowing.

Thank you all again for helping and supporting your church.

Laurie doCarmo and Cheryl Viani

From the Senior Warden

Hello St. James' Parishioners,

As we are welcoming in the cooler weather, and the changing of the leaves, I marvel at God's creation. Many artists have tried to replicate the fall colors, or the beautiful sunsets with stunning backgrounds - but they always fall short. In fact, it usually comes down to a good camera at the right angle, time and camera settings to capture the true essence of these sights. But, we have a chance right here at St. James' to appreciate and give thanks to and for God's creations:



October 2 at 3pm **Blessings of the Animals** - Even if you do not have pets, please come share in this wonderful event.

October 9 **Bells Across America** - See page 3 for details and other Outreach and Mission projects.

October 22 **BBQ Lunch and Sale** - You can come the night before and see a sunset while we prep and cook or come early on the day of and catch a sunset, carve it all up, serve and eat!

There will be an October **Fall Clean-Up Day** where we all gather to spruce and tidy our church and the grounds. Date will be announced in the Sunday Bulletin and in our Thursday E-Pistle that gets emailed.

November 19 - **Stop Hunger Now** - We again have the opportunity to package 10,000 meals for the needy.

And let me please end my message to tell you about our **Stewardship Campaign** coming over the next several weeks. Many of us struggle coming up with the amount we tithe with our church home, and so many will renew their commitment for the same amount as the year before. For those families with fixed incomes and rising costs, it seems unwise or difficult to raise a pledge. But is your pledge where it should be to begin with? Is your tithe a stretch already? Please prayerfully reflect on this quote, "*The basic question is not how much of our money we should give to God, but how much of God's money we should keep for ourselves.*"

Blessings, *Mike*



From Our Seminarian

Dear St. James' family,

Some of you may have seen me and wondered "who is that young man?" I am writing this short blog to fill you in!

I was born and raised in Shreveport, Louisiana, where I was baptized and confirmed at another St. James' Episcopal Church. I grew up playing baseball and tennis. I went to College at Louisiana Tech and received my undergraduate degree in Accounting. While in college, I was in a fraternity, a member of student government, and an active member at The Episcopal Church of The Redeemer in Ruston, Louisiana. I spent several enjoyable years as their youth director. It was during this time that I entered into discernment for a call to priesthood, a call that I had first felt in high school. Once I graduated I came straight to Virginia Theological Seminary where I now study Theology. I spent all of last year searching for a church to work in this year. I am thrilled to have found such a loving church and I look forward to serving you over these next two years.



Yours in Christ, *Layton*

Schedule of Ministry ~ October 2 to November 6

	October 2	October 9	October 16	October 23	October 30	November 6
Celebrant Preacher	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock Layton Porter	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock
Vestry Person	Mary Bramley	Mike Morgan	Mike Morgan	Ray Smith	Francesca Wallace	Mark Braden
Welcoming Team	Mike Morgan	Ellen Cleary	Jane Wosoogh	Peggy Rudesheim	Laurie doCarmo	Lib Mueller
Ushers	Ellen Cleary Mike Morgan	Mike Morgan Barbara Riley	Wayne Johnson Ellen Cleary	Ray Smith Marge Smith	Mark Braden McKayla Braden	Marc Rajotte Kelly Rajotte
	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am
Chalice	Agnes Chapman	Stan Dawson	Layton Porter	Nebiyou Tesfaye	Paul Vivian	David Batcheller
Lector	Vicky Vivian	David Batcheller	Agnes Chapman	Stan Dawson	Nebiyou Tesfaye	Vicky Vivian
Psalm	Agnes Chapman	Stan Dawson	Layton Porter	Nebiyou Tesfaye	Paul Vivian	David Batcheller
Prayers	Mary Bramley	Mike Morgan	Mike Morgan	Ray Smith	Francesca Wallace	Mark Braden
	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am
Sunday School	Francesca Wallace Mary Lowe	No Sunday School	Andrew Richard Rosemarie Richard	Heidi Brock Diana Courtney	Francesca Wallace Mary Lowe	Andrew Richard Rosemarie Richard
	10:15am	10:15am	10:15am	10:15am	10:15am	10:15am
Chalice	Amber Tussing	Marghe Bowker	Bob Fitz	Mary Bramley	Bill Iber	Mary Blair
Lesson 1	Nancy Sherick	Suzanne Synnestvedt	Bill Iber	Mike Morgan	Mark Braden	Pat Rowell
Psalm	Pat Rowell	Sean Wallace	Marghe Bowker	Cheryl Nostrand	James Eustis	Layton Porter
Lesson 2	Pat Rowell	John Thompson	Francesca Wallace	Layton Porter	Peg Iber	Bob Blair
Prayers	McKayla Braden	Mary Lowe	Hank Morgan	Bob Fitz	Ben Justesen	Francesca Wallace
Sacraments	Barbara Riley Lib Mueller	Laurie doCarmo Anne Patrick	Wallace Family	Mark Braden McKayla Braden	Peg Iber Ellen Cleary	Barbara Riley Ben Wosoogh
Acolyte	Layton Porter	Sara Thompson	Zoe Wallace	Pat Rowell	Ben Wosoogh	Amber Tussing
Nursery Volunteer	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Organist	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser
Counter	Nancy Sherick	Jane Wosoogh	Wayne Johnson	Marge Smith	Marge Smith	Nancy Sherick
Altar Guild	Viani Team	Viani Team	Viani Team	Viani Team	Viani Team	Iber Team

October 2016

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
2 October Proper 22 3pm Blessing of the Animals	3	4	5	6 10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry	7	8
9 October Proper 23	10	11 7:15p Vestry	12	13 10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry 12:30p Book Club	14	15
16 October Proper 24	17	18	19	20	21	22 10am to 4pm BBQ Fundraiser
23 October Proper 25 Feast of St. James of Jerusalem	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 October Proper 26	31	1 November	2	3 10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry	4	5

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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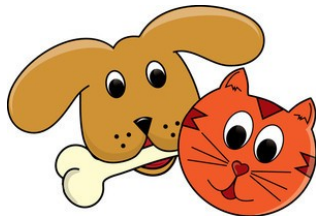


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Blessing of the Animals
Sunday, October 2
3pm

St. James' BBQ
Saturday, October 22
10am to 4pm



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.



Come for a yummy slow cooked BBQ lunch or get your BBQ to go— including our special sauce, beans and cole slaw.