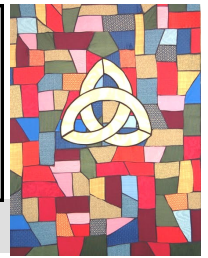




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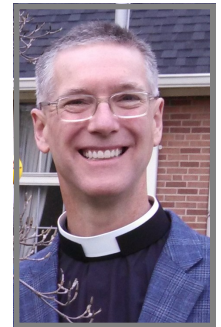
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Empowered by the Holy Spirit to be faithful disciples of Jesus, St. James' serves as a beacon of God's love and as a caring Christian family for the community, the nation and the world by seeking to restore all to unity with God and one another and by proclaiming the Good News through worship, witness, education, fellowship and service.

St. James'
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Episcopal Diocese
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Dear People of St. James',

Everyone feels the change that comes with September. With the start of school, there is a feeling of "back to work" for all of us. I feel an air of anticipation and activity after the slow summer months. Programs resume, and the community comes back together with renewed energy.

The Fall months are full and busy months for St. James'. Adult Forum, Children's Sunday School, and Wednesday Bible Study resume their weekly meetings. The Art & Craft Fair (9/20), the BBQ Fundraiser (10/4), and the Blessing of the Animals (10/5) are opportunities to be involved and to contribute to our communal life. We also continue our outreach to the hungry and needy by providing food and hot lunches to Rising Hope Mission... see more about Rising Hope inside on page 4.

Whenever we gather in the name of the Lord, we receive his gifts of faith and love. Together we move through the year, worshiping God, proclaiming Christ to our neighbors, and growing in service to one another, the church, and the world. Through Jesus our lives have been made gifts--given by God for us, and given by us for our neighbors.

Share the good news that you know is happening here at St. James'!

In Christ,

Charles+

Fall Picnic and Blessing of Backpacks ~ September 7

Adults and children, bring your backpacks, cell phones, and any other "tools of your trade" to worship on Sunday, September 7. We will bless these items so that as you go about school and work, you will remember that your faith is a part of your everyday life.

On September 7 we also commission our Sunday School Teachers: McKayla & Mark Braden, Eric & Margaret Katz, Francesca Wallace, Mary Lowe, Andrew & Rosemarie Richard, Heidi Brock, Stan Dawson, and Peg Iber.

Following the 10:15 service on September 7—we all picnic! Everyone is invited. Please sign up on the poster in the gallery to bring a side dish, salad or dessert. Hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks and all the fixings are provided.



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Blessing of the Animals ~ October 5, 3:00pm

Bring your cats, dogs, birds, your furry friends—and even your not-so-furry friends—to be blessed. Enjoy the fellowship of all God's creatures. Treats for animals and people alike will be served.



Book Club

The Book Club meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month at 12:30pm in Braxton Hall. Over the summer we read *My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor.



We meet in September on the 11th and the 25th to discuss this book and make plans for future reads. Hope to see you there!

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.

September 6
September 13
September 20
September 27
October 4

Mike Morgan
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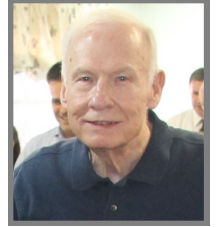
Pilgrimage Opportunity to the Holy Land

Members of St. James' are invited to join St. Luke's on a pilgrimage to Israel and Jordan. The trip is scheduled for February 9—24, 2015. The Rev. Tuck Bowerfind will lead the group in "Following Jesus in the Holy Land: Becoming Disciples by Walking where Jesus Walked." This trip has been planned in direct response to the request the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East (DJME), and the Rt. Rev. Suheil Dawani, Bishop of the DJME. If you are interested please contact Father Charles or the Church Office for details.



From the Senior Warden

Two men were walking on the beach. The tide was going out and leaving starfish stranded on the sand. One of the men began picking up starfish and tossing them back into the water. His friend said to him “The ocean is so vast and there are so many starfish, what difference will it make when you toss a few back into the water?” The man replied, “I know my small effort will not have much impact on the ocean, but it will make a big difference to each individual starfish that I return to the water.”



St. James' Church has always been active in outreach. This year we have several active outreach programs. In conjunction with the Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church, our food drive and hot meal delivery will be an all year effort. This quarter we are helping to build a classroom for a school in Kenya. Through United Community Ministries (UCM), we are helping to provide school supplies to local children in need. At Christmas, we will be again working with UCM to provide gifts to local needy children.

I would like to express my appreciation to the people at St. James' who contribute so readily and generously to our outreach programs and give a special thank you to those who not only contribute money and goods, but also contribute their time and effort to keep our various outreach programs active. Your efforts do make “a big difference” to those who are the recipients of St. James' outreach programs.

Thanks be to God.

Ray

From the Director of Music

The Fathers desired that music should always abide in the church. That is why there are so many songs and psalms. This precious gift has been bestowed on us alone to remind us that we are created to praise and magnify the Lord. – Martin Luther



We are a singing people. We have songs for children, silly songs, love songs, patriotic songs, sad songs, and on and on. But to me, the best songs are those we come together to share as Martin Luther said: *to praise and magnify the Lord.*

As we enter the month of September, it is time for the choir and the bell choir (see John's article below) to come back together to help lead our song in worship. Could you be part of that leadership? You are welcome to join us on Wednesday evenings for rehearsal from 7-8:30pm, and on Sunday mornings at 9:30am and in the 10:15am worship service. Don't have the time? Could you commit to a few weeks? Every other week? Advent and Christmas? Let's talk. Come and try it – you might like it.

Even if leading from the choir is not for you, I encourage you to lead from your seat in the congregation. In the words of a hymn from the Quaker tradition, “*my life flows on in endless song, how can I keep from singing?*”

Soli Deo Gloria

Alan

Bell Choir

The Bell Choir needs you! We plan to play on Sunday, October 26, at the 10:15am service. We need to practice and will begin on Wednesday, September 17, at 6:00pm for six weeks. Please contact John Thompson if you are interested. You can call him (703) 718-0911 or email him to JLT4song@cox.net.



Outreach

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. Nearly 2/3 of Rising Hope's members are, or have been, homeless; many of its successful "graduates" return to volunteer. Rising Hope depends upon gifts and grants from volunteers and non-profit organizations for its funding — it does not receive any Federal financial support.

Hot Lunches for Rising Hope

St. James' volunteers 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. Thank you to Marge Katz who coordinates, and thanks to the cookers who deliver their dish to the church. **More cookers are always needed.** This ministry will warm your heart and the stomachs of the homeless.

If you would like to help this ministry monthly or if you just want to sign up to prepare a dish occasionally, please call Marge Katz at (412) 303-7801. Thanks!

Fill the Wagon Every Week ~ Food Pantry Donations Always Needed

Thank you for your faithful giving of food each week for the Food Pantry at Rising Hope. A hungry family may fill a bag once each week from the tiny pantry; our donations don't last long. Please, continue to bring a few items every week.



"Thanks to everyone for donating to the Summer Clothing Drive for Rising Hope Mission Church.



Mission of the 3rd Quarter Schools in Kenya

The Outreach Committee proposes to finish building the classroom in Ngambenyi, Kenya. Raising \$2,100 will supply the school with windows, a door, paint for the walls, and make the room useable for the 7th grade. The parents volunteer their work if we can purchase the materials. Fundraising will run from July through September or until the goal is reached. You may use the envelopes in the pews to make your donation. Please mark Kenya in the memo line.



New in Our Area!

UCM's Back Porch Thrift Store has a new and bigger location at the Sacramento Shopping Center, near St. James' United Community Ministries (UCM) works hard to serve the neediest in our area. "100% of proceeds remain in our community!" Store hours are Monday—Saturday from 10am to 6:30pm and on Sundays; Noon to 6:30pm. You may drop off donations Monday—Saturday from 10am to 5pm.

Sparkle the Church Day September 6 at 9:00am

We will be working in the garden and cleaning the church in preparation for the Art & Craft Fair on September 20. A poster is located in the Gallery giving a few hints about the work that needs to be accomplished. If you are busy on September 6 please consider performing any of the tasks at your leisure. As the work is completed initial the poster. Please bring your own supplies. If you have any questions, call Cheryl Viani 703-360-8799.



Prayers

September Birthdays

- 1 George Holthaus
- 3 Marshall Braden
- 7 Andy De La Cour
- 14 Naomi Iber
- 15 Sean Wallace
- 19 Spencer Wallace
- 24 Lora Jane Lisle
- 28 Nancy Mow Sherick



Anniversaries

September 2
Bo & Nancy Temple

September 22, 2012
Eric & Margaret Katz

September 24, 2005
Sean & Francesca Wallace



PRAYER LIST

We pray for strength, guidance and healing for: Stephanie, Molly, Gavin, Shawn, Peggy, Rhu, Muriel, Muriel Sue, Esther, Nora, Jenny, Roger, Olivia, Christopher, Christine, John, Jacqui, Richard, Shirley, Amber, Mary, Jeff, Lee, Peggy, and Virginia.

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.

Summer Fun at St. James'



We had a crowd at the Potomac Nationals baseball game on July 26, and giggling kids at the Summer Family Meet-Up. Summer is a fun time here at St. James'!

Art & Craft Fair September 20

More Successful Every Year

Our Art and Craft Fair grows larger and more financially successful every year. More than 50 exhibitors have already confirmed their participation. We anticipate that the final number of exhibits will be three times the number we had for our first fair in 2008 (there were 72 last year). See the back page for the large variety of art and crafts that will be offered for sale.

Volunteers Save the Day!

Our success is largely due to the dedicated support of the members of St. James'. We are counting on you again this year. Volunteers are already helping with publicity, lunch, the food and bake sale, space management, and logistics the day of the fair. There is still room for anyone who wants to help. Contact Andy De La Cour (703-425-8464) or Laurie doCarmo (703-780-8054) or sign up on the poster in the Gallery.

St. James' Artists and Crafters

The artistic talents of our parish family are showcased at the fair. This year, we will not have a St. James' Booth, but will offer all of your contributions for the raffle and a Silent Auction, with proceeds going to St. James' ministries. Larger, more valuable items will go to the Silent Auction and are encouraged. Jane Fitz is contacting area merchants for additional donations. Please contact Jane (703-765-4211) to let her know what you will donate and its value.

Join us for a day of *Fun at the Fair!*

Schedule of Ministry ~ September 7 to October 5

	September 7	September 14	September 21	September 28	October 5
	Pentecost 13	Pentecost 14	Pentecost 15	Pentecost 16	Pentecost 17
	Picnic	Proper 19	Proper 20	Proper 21	Proper 22
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	Sara Thompson	Cheryl Viani	Marghe Bowker	Ben Justesen	Dean Sherick
Welcoming Team	Laurie doCarmo	Andy De L Cour	Jane Wosoogh	Lib Muller	Mike Morgan
Ushers	Eric Katz	Ray Smith	Wayne Johnson	Gus Braun	Doug Cleary
	Marge Katz	Fred Rudesheim	Barbara Riley	Peg Iber	Ellen Cleary
	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
Chalice	Vicky Vivian	Stan Dawson	Mary Blair	David Batcheller	Paul Vivian
Lector	Stan Dawson	Paul Vivian	Bob Blair	Janet Fallin	David Batcheller
Psalm	Vicky Vivian	Stan Dawson	Mary Blair	David Batcheller	Paul Vivian
Prayers	Sara Thompson	Cheryl Viani	Marghe Bowker	Ben Justesen	Dean Sherick
	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM
Sunday School	Francesca Wallace	Eric Katz	Andrew Richard	Heidi Brock	Francesca Wallace
	Mary Lowe	Marge Katz	Rosemarie Richard	Stan Dawson	Mary Lowe
	10:15 AM	10:15 AM	10:15 AM	10:15 AM	10:15 AM
Chalice	Peg Iber	Marghe Bowker	Bob Fitz	Mike Morgan	Bill Iber
Lesson 1	Mary Lowe	Cheryl Nostrand	Hank Morgan	Sara Thompson	Ben Justesen
Psalm	James Eustis	Dean Sherick	Peg Iber	Sean Wallace	Mary Blair
Lesson 2	Gordon Grant	Suzanne Synnestvedt	Mike Morgan	Gus Braun	Bob Blair
Prayers	Ann Chadwick	Pat Rowell	John Thompson	Bill Iber	Bob Fitz
Sacraments	Anne Patrick	MJ Van Den Berg	Wallace Family	Eric Katz	Laurie doCarmo
	Barbara Riley	Lib Mueller		Marge Katz	Ben Wosoogh
Acolyte	Amber Tussing	Ben Justesen	Pat Rowell	Amber Tussing	Sara Thompson
Crucifer	Martha Normand			Brenna Richard	
Torches	Eloise Normand Zoe Wallace				
Organist	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser
Counter	Nancy Sherick	Jane Wosoogh	Wayne Johnson	Marge Smith	Nancy Sherick
Altar Guild	Iber Team	Iber Team	Iber Team	Iber Team	Viani Team

September 2014

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	6pm Wounded Warrior Support Group		8:30p AA Mtg

THIS MONTH at St. James' Episcopal Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 August Pentecost 12 Proper 17	1 September	2	3	4 10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry	5	6 9am Church Clean Up Day
7 September Pentecost 13 Proper 18 Sunday School starts	8	9 7:15p Vestry	10	11 10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry	12	13 8am Brotherhood Breakfast
14 September Pentecost 14 Proper 19 12:30 Daughters of the King Lunch Meeting	15	16	17 6pm Bell Choir Practice	18	19	20 Art & Craft Fair
21 September Pentecost 15 Proper 20	22	23	24 6pm Bell Choir Practice	25	26	27
28 September Pentecost 16 Proper 21	29	30	1 October 6pm Bell Choir Practice	2	3	4

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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Art & Craft Fair **September 20** **10am to 3pm**



Hand-crafted jewelry, photography, ornaments, sea glass, fused glass & painted glass, handbags & scarves, stuffed animals & doll clothes, pastels & watercolors, paper crafts, birdhouses & feeders, musical instruments & chimes, home decor and more! Plus lunch and home baked goodies, homemade jams and hot sauce will be available for sale.

*Tell your friends, family
 and neighbors!*

St. James' BBQ **Fundraiser** **October 4, 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.