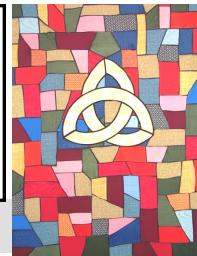




St. James' Notes

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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'
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at Mount Vernon
A parish church in the
Episcopal Diocese
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Communion.



Dear People of St. James',

I have enjoyed a summer filled with travel. With Heidi & Sam, I've visited Chicago, Shrine Mont, Japan, Colorado, and Cape Cod. Now as we enter the fall season, we continue on the journey of our shared life at St. James'. And we have many exciting destinations to visit together!

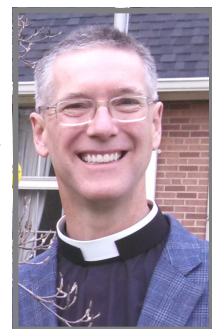
Where will we visit this year? Our journey as the community of St. James' will take us to Worship, to Fellowship, and to Service — all beautiful and fascinating destinations, with so much to do.

In Worship we will be formed for faithful lives. In Fellowship we will support and encourage one another. In Service we will reach out in love to meet the needs of the world. Our travels will take us to Sunday School, Bible Study, Art & Craft Fair, BBQ, and "Stop Hunger Now."

Our ultimate destination is into the life of Christ, and we are blessed to be on this journey together.

In Christ,
Charles+

P.S. We welcome a new partner on our journey. The Vine Preschool has happily begun offering a weekday daycare program for infants and toddlers. They are delighted to be with us at St. James', and it is a joy to have them here.



Start-Up Sunday ~ Sept. 13

**Sunday School ~ Adult Forum ~ Choir
Blessing of the Backpacks ~ Fall Picnic**

Adults and children, bring your backpacks, cell phones, and any other "tools of your trade" to worship on Sunday, September 13. 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.

We also will begin a new year of children's Sunday School. Sunday School Students join their families in the church at the Peace for Communion. Adult Forum begins its new year on this same day and meets in Braxton Hall each Sunday at 9:00am.

Following the 10:15 service on September 13—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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Art & Craft Fair ~ September 19

Our Art & Craft Fair grows larger and more financially successful every year. More than 50 exhibitors have already confirmed their participation and with any luck, we will match the 68 vendors who participated last year.

Volunteers Save the Day! Our success is largely due to the dedicated support of members of St. James'. We are counting on you again this year. Volunteers are already helping with publicity, lunch, bake sale, space management, and logistics the day of the fair. There is still room for anyone who wants to help. We especially need help moving the furniture to make room for the artisans. This year we plan to move furniture on Thursday and Friday night. We hope by dividing the moving day into two days will shorten the time helpers have to stay at the church. Please join us at 6:00pm on Thursday, September 17 & at 12:30pm on Friday, September 18. Please contact Laurie doCarmo at (703) 780-8054 or Cheryl Viani at (703) 360-8799 if you have any questions.

St. James' Raffle: For the last eight years, Mary Whitehouse has donated a handmade quilted item for the raffle. This year she has created a throw/ wall hanging in lovely shades of green, brown and gold. Tickets are on sale each Sunday after the 10:15am service.

Be sure to join us on September 19 for Fun At The Fair!



Choir Notes

Dear St. James' friends,

Before a recent Sunday service, Hank Morgan told me that I would like his upcoming reading from the fifth chapter of Ephesians. In it we heard, "...be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

He was right! I was glad to be reminded of the many times we are told to sing to the Lord, in the New Testament as well as the Old. It was a fitting reminder to me that the choir season will start again soon. Regular Wednesday evening rehearsals will resume at 6:30pm on September 2, and the choir will be back in the chancel on Sunday, September 13. We are looking forward to new voices among us; perhaps you would like to add yours. Please let me know of your interest so that I can have a folder prepared and a seat with your name on it.

Besides resuming regular rehearsals, the choir will participate in a daylong retreat on Saturday, September 26 from 8am-4pm. Not only will we work on music for the fall (including Choral Evensong for All Saints' Day, special music for the Bishop's visitation on December 6, and even take a peek at Advent and Christmas), but this will also be an opportunity for fellowship and fun on an outing to an as yet undisclosed location. Maybe you ought to come along!

I look forward to having the choir back up front with me, and sharing the joy of worship through music with them and with you.

Soli Deo gloria,
Alan Moser



Junior's Warden's Corner

Our body and our church; each important and we are encouraged to be good stewards of both. As Christians, this is our commandment. Yet, we all struggle with our decisions; to add extra helpings of dessert at meals, or to wait another day to mend or paint a fence. However, as Americans, we can be proud that we have cut cigarette smoking by more than half in the last 40 years, and strides have been taken in educating nutritional and fitness values to everyone.



And what about our church? We are starting to show some wear and tear 13 years after our major renovations and new build. So we must get on with the many maintenance projects, small and large. Some have already been completed outside our budget, thanks to gifts from many of you, our Guardian Angels. Thank you! In the coming weeks, I will formalize a wish list of maintenance projects that need to be attended to and other St. James' needs. Some Guardian Angels have already stepped forward for these new projects. Look for this list in the Gallery and in Sunday bulletins. Please prayerfully consider gifting one, even if partially. And please don't forget to assist in any way you can for our upcoming Art & Craft Fair and BBQ fundraisers. Thank you being a good steward!

Faithfully,

Mike Morgan

Daughters of The King



The next meeting of Daughters of the King (DOK) will be Thursday evening, September 24. It will be a Pot Luck Dinner at Lib Mueller's house as a Kick-Off for the fall season. We thought it would be nice if everyone tried to bring someone new to see what we're about. Please email or call Cheryl Nostrand, President, for more information at (703) 495-8221, canostrandus@aol.com.

News from the Diocese

Bishop Shannon Johnston announced the good news that the Shrine Mont Capital Campaign has reached its \$2 million goal! This campaign will help insure the future of Shrine Mont as a diocesan retreat center and summer camp program. Learn more at www.ShoutItFromTheMountain.org



Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 4, 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.



Mission and Outreach



Stop Hunger Now is a new 3rd Quarter Mission Project for St. James'. We are excited to be part of this world-wide effort to stop hunger. Did you know that one in every nine people on our planet goes to bed hungry each night? (FAO *The State of Food Insecurity in the World* 2014). Stop Hunger Now delivers pre-packaged meals to the hungriest people around the world. We raise money to purchase the food, the organization brings leadership & all the equipment here on one day, and we provide the person-power to package thousands of meals. We need you! Please mark Saturday, November 7, as the day you will come to St. James' and help package meals. Invite your friends, neighbors and all your family to this most worthwhile effort. Learn more at www.stophungernow.org.

Rising Hope Mission Church needs clothing for Fall & Winter. Underwear, accessories, linens are always needed. There is a collection basket in the gallery. Sort & save the summer clothes you no longer want, and donate them next April. Thank you for helping others!



Thank You! Mission of the 2nd Quarter, Back to School for UCM (United Community Ministries) is finished. We collected backpacks, supplies, and donations so UCM can provide filled backpacks to 1,000 needy children in our area. We equaled our previous donations with 17 backpacks and \$550 for UCM to buy supplies for the packs.



Welcome to The Vine Preschool



St. James' welcomes The Vine Preschool! The Vine Preschool will operate a full-day weekday daycare program at St. James' for 24-30 infants and toddlers,

Providing a home for The Vine Preschool supports the mission of St. James' in several important ways. St. James' will help provide a much-needed service to our community. The Vine Preschool will bring families and children in contact with the church, and help increase the visibility of the church. And The Vine Preschool creates a much-needed additional source of revenue for the church.



The Preschool started at St. James' in July, and we have been sharing the joy of having children in the church during the week. Please give an enthusiastic welcome to The Vine Preschool, and introduce yourself to the staff when you visit the church during the week.



Prayers

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



Book Club– Join us!

Everyone is invited to join Book Club. We meet the second and fourth Thursday of each month, at 12:30pm in the Library. We meet September 10 and 24 this month. Our Summer book was *The World is Flat* by Thomas Friedman.



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!

PRAYER LIST

We pray for strength, guidance and healing for: Meghan, Christine, Muriel, Muriel Sue, Esther, Nora, Jenny, Roger, Patricia, Brioni, Wayne, Claude, Mary, and Jeff.

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; and all those injured or wounded.

Dear Father Charles and all Members of St. James',

The Memorial Service for my mom, Nancy Taylor, was absolutely perfect from start to finish; the support, love, and friendship, food, flowers, song and music were all a harmonious reflection of how we all feel about this wonderful woman. Thank you, from my very sad but full heart, for giving her the send off she so deserved. I am so grateful to God that her death was a sweet one -- seeing all her grandkids one last time, being at her side when she went off to be with Dad and all before her. She so deserved such a departure. Thank you for loving her as her own family did. I know she loved EACH of you ... you were her second family.

Thanks

With absolute sincerity,
Katherine Taylor

Schedule of Ministry ~ September 6 to October 4

	September 6	September 13	September 20	September 27	October 4
	Pentecost 15	Pentecost 16	Pentecost 17	Pentecost 18	Pentecost 19
	Labor Day	Picnic			
Celebrant	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock
Vestry Person	Francesca Wallace	Sara Thompson	Mike Morgan	MJ Vandenberg	Marghe Bowker
Welcoming Team	Ellen Cleary	Laurie doCarmo	Lib Muller	Mike Morgan	Jane Wosoogh
Ushers	Mike Morgan Ellen Cleary	Mark Braden McKayla Braden	Wayne Johnson Barbara Riley	Ray Smith Marge Smith	Ellen Cleary Peg Iber
	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am
Chalice	Stan Dawson	David Batcheller	Agnes Chapman	Stan Dawson	David Batcheller
Lector	Paul Vivian	Agnes Chapman	David Batcheller	Janet Fallin	Stan Dawson
Psalm	Stan Dawson	David Batcheller	Agnes Chapman	Stan Dawson	David Batcheller
Prayers	Francesca Wallace	Sara Thompson	Mike Morgan	MJ Vandenberg	Marghe Bowker
		10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am
Sunday School		Francesca Wallace Mary Lowe	Andrew Richard Rosemarie Richard	Mark Braden McKayla Braden	Francesca Wallace Mary Lowe
		10:15am	10:15am	10:15am	10:15am
Chalice	Bob Fitz	Marghe Bowker	Mike Morgan	Bill Iber	Pat Rowell
Lesson 1	Bill Iber	Mary Lowe	Gordon Grant	Mark Braden	Cheryl Nostrand
Psalm	Pat Rowell	Amber Tyler	John Thompson	Peg Iber	James Eustis
Lesson 2	Hank Morgan	Ben Justesen	Suzanne Synnestvedt	Hank Morgan	Bill Iber
Prayers	Nancy Sherick	Bob Fitz	McKayla Braden	Marghe Bowker	Mike Morgan
Sacraments	Lib Mueller Barbara Riley	Wallace Family	Rodriguez Family	Ellen Cleary Ben Wosoogh	Anne Patrick Laurie do Carmo
Acolyte	Pat Rowell	Mary Bramley	Ben Justesen	Sara Thompson	Amber Tyler
Nursery Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Jennifer McDonald	Volunteer	Volunteer
Organist	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser
Counter	Nancy Sherick	Mike Morgan	Wayne Johnson	Marge Smith	Nancy Sherick
Altar Guild	Viani Team	Viani Team	Viani Team	Viani Team	Iber Team

September 2015

EVERY WEEK at St. James' Episcopal Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8:00a Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00 Adult Forum 10:15a 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 August Pentecost 14 Proper 17 Morning Prayer	31	1 September	2	3 10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry	4	5
6 September Pentecost 15 Proper 18	7 Labor Day	8 7:15p Vestry	9 11am Bible Study 12 p Holy Eucharist with Healing	10 10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry 12:30p Book Club	11	12 8am Brotherhood Breakfast
13 September Pentecost 16 Proper 19 All Church Picnic Sunday School Starts Adult Forum starts	14	15	16	17	18	19 Art & Craft Fair 10am to 3pm
20 September Pentecost 17 Proper 20	21	22	23	24 12:30p Book Club	25	26 Choir Retreat
27 September Pentecost 18 Proper 21	28	29	30	1 October	2	3 9am to 3pm BBQ Sale

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



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Art & Craft Fair **September 19** **10am to 3pm**

Hand-crafted jewelry,
photography, ornaments, sea
glass, fused glass & painted
glass, handbags & scarves,
stuffed animals & doll clothes,
pastels & watercolors, paper crafts, dog/cat collars
& accessories, Alpaca wool & creations, home
decor and more! Plus lunch and home baked
goodies for sale.



*Tell your friends, family
and neighbors!*

St. James' BBQ **Fundraiser** **October 3, 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.