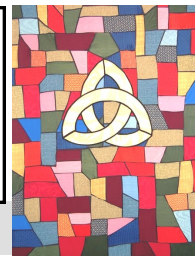




St. James' Notes

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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.

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Dear People of St. James',

As a child, I remember long lazy summer vacations, time of play, games, reading, and more than a little boredom. The long hot summer weeks stretched out endlessly until the dreaded start of school abruptly arrived.

As an adult, I am always surprised when summer doesn't quite live up to my childhood memories. What was once a relaxed time of rest, is now the time of year when we are at our busiest; traveling, entertaining visitors, juggling summer camps that change each week; and trying to accomplish household projects. Even our vacations contribute to our overall busy-ness. Summer is a fun time, filled with activity and stimulation, but it is not a time of rest and restoration.

That's why I've really come to look forward to the arrival of September, and the beginning of the school year and the regular church schedule of activities. I welcome the return of routine, when I can settle into a relatively predictable pattern of life. Even though September ushers in a time of more activities, the regular rhythm of activity permits planning not only for those things that I have to do, but for those things I want to do as well.

Routine gets a bad rap. Our culture more highly values novelty, change, and excitement. But routine is what characterizes what is normal for us. Routine is what lets us form and practice the necessary habits of a good life. Routine lets us settle into a regular pattern of relationship, prayer, study, and exercise, things that deepen and become more potent as they become habits. And as these things are nurtured by routine, so they also help us respond to the demands outside of routine.

Now is the time of year to be intentional about our routines, and to try to establish supportive patterns. Do you have a daily practice of connecting with God? What in your regular pattern of life helps you move towards God? Make some time with Jesus a part of your daily routine. You can trust that he will guide you in what you need to do, and to where you need to go.

In Christ, Charles+



Welcome Our Seminarian!



St. James' welcomes Layton Porter, a 2nd year student at the Virginia Theological Seminary. Layton will be working at St. James' as he prepares to be an ordained leader in the church. Layton will participate in regular Sunday worship; he will preach; and he will be involved in various other activities and ministries to help shape his vocation. During his time at St. James', Layton will be supported by a Lay Committee, made up of Marghe Bowker, Mary Bramley, Paul Vivian, and Cheryl Viani, and chaired by David Batcheller. Please welcome Layton... we look forward to being part of his journey to the priesthood!

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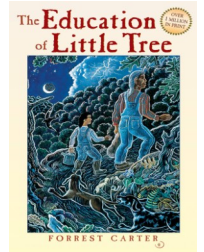
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Book Club

St. James' Book Club will meet on Thursday, September 8, at 1:00pm in the church library. The book is *The Education of Little Tree* by Asa Earl (Forrest) Carter. *The Education of Little Tree* tells of a boy orphaned very young, who is adopted by his Cherokee grandmother and half-Cherokee grandfather in the Appalachian mountains of Tennessee during the Great Depression. Join us!



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.

Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 2, 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.



St. James' BBQ Saturday, October 22, 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.

God's Bounty

St. James' is going to try something new this Fall, and we need your help! Instead of putting on our own Art & Craft Fair, we are going to have a booth at the September 24, St. Luke's Episcopal Church Annual Craft Fair. The St. James' booth will be called "God's Bounty," and we will have jams, jellies, homemade breads, chutney, candles and more! If you would like to make something to add to our Fall-themed booth please let our organizers know: Laurie doCarmo, Cheryl Viani or Peggy Rudesheim.



Mission and Outreach

Third Quarter Mission – Stop Hunger Now

We are just a few short months away from Stop Hunger Now! On **November 19**, we will participate in packing over 10,000 meals to be distributed to needy families worldwide. Last year this event was a great success and we are looking forward to participating again. St. James' gives \$3000 to support this ministry—please make a contribution. Signups and more information will be available as the date gets closer.



Mission Update

Our Mission for the first Quarter was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who donated and prayed. In total, we raised \$1,865 dollars for the Episcopal Relief and Development Gifts of Life!!

- 4 Nourishment for one child
- 1 Water for one person
- 2 Share of Fruit Trees
- 1 Disaster Relief Kits
- 4 Goats
- 2 Water for family
- 2 Donkey and cart



Our Second Quarter Mission was also fantastic! We collected a generous amount of school supplies and backpacks and raised over \$300 for needy students in our area.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for these outreach projects.

Rising Hope Food Pantry

Please continue to bring food for the Red Wagon. These donations go to Rising Hope Food Pantry Mission. Your continued support of the Rising Hope Food Pantry ensures that families will not have to worry about where their next meal is coming from.



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!



Prayers



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.

We pray for strength, guidance and healing for: Esther, Nora, Roger, Muriel, Muriel Sue, Brittany, Cindy, Klaus, Sandy, Lauren, Linda, Todd, Jamie, Omari, Gillian, Betty, Elizabeth, Christopher

We give thanks for the life of long time member, Betty Walters.

A Note from the Treasurer

We are grateful to our volunteer team of folks that work hard to account for all of our financial reporting and accounting. This support comes from Bill Iber, the Treasurer; Marge Smith, the Stewardship Secretary and the weekly Receipts Counters, Jane Wosoogh, Nancy Sherick, Wayne Johnson and Marge Smith. These volunteers give many hours of their time each month to keep St. James' "books" and your donations records straight. Our books are audited annually by a committee assigned to that task by the Vestry. The procedures called for by the Episcopal Church are followed and the results are formally reported to the Vestry and the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia.

At a recent meeting of the Counters, a few suggestions were made that would make their job a little easier:

- ➔ Please do not "post date" your checks. These checks will be rejected by the bank—and this is extra paperwork for everyone involved.
- ➔ If you are catching up on your donations, please note that multiple pledge envelopes received on a single Sunday will be treated as a single donation on that Sunday; the earlier envelope dates will not be recorded.
- ➔ Please insure the numerical and written amounts on your check agree. The bank will deposit the check but for the lower of the two different amounts. This may cause some confusion on your pledge record and in your check book balancing.
- ➔ Please make sure to sign your check. Unsigned checks will be returned.

Thank you for your donations to St. James' and thank you for your attention in check writing that makes the counting efforts a little easier for our volunteers.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



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



September 24, 2005
Sean & Francesca Wallace

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!



From the Senior Warden

Dear St. James Parishioners,

Yep, summer is almost over; sunny days at the beach are behind us; kids are going back to school and dread the return to early mornings; commutes to work will get longer; and before you know it, we are counting down the days to Christmas. Wait, rewind for just a second - slow down! Is this really how we see life, as a blur passing us by? For many of us, it surely feels that way. Our calendars are full for the week/month, and we seemingly cannot fit in another event; a doctor's appointment, a night out with friends, a charity event, a day at the ballpark, and why? Because we need a day off, time for ourselves - a time to stop and smell the roses so to speak? Well, before you fill that calendar, please mark the following dates:



Sunday, September 11 - Church Picnic - Please join us for the renewal of our church school and church year.

Saturday, September 24 - God's Bounty Booth at St. Luke's Craft Fair - Volunteer to help — see page 3.

Saturday, October 22 - Pig Roast at St. James - NOTE NEW DATE! - Volunteer to help — call the church.

And why are these dates important? Because we are your church family and it is an excellent time to celebrate the joy of Christ with other believers, and hopefully with newcomers from our community. And of course each day is a cause for celebration, grateful for the promises of our Lord, and yes, to smell the roses every day.

Blessings!

Your Sr. Warden, Mike

Choir Notes

Dear Friends,

When we were last together in these pages, I left you with a wish from Psalm 98 - to have a song-filled summer and to sing to the Lord a new (or old) song. The psalmist wrote, "O sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvelous things: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise." (Psalm 98:1,4 King James Version). It is time now for the choir to get back to that business on a regular basis. After its summer hiatus, choir rehearsals begin on August 31 at 6:30pm. The choir will be back every Sunday starting September 11. On that Patriot Day Sunday, we will invite the congregation to join us in singing the anthem - "Let There be Peace on Earth". In the following Sundays, our anthems will include some that are new as well as some that are old, but always with the aim of singing joyful praise to the Lord.



If it's time for you to get back into choir singing (no matter how long it's been), please consider joining us on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 in the choir room. We work hard, but we also play hard and have great fellowship. We'd love to have you. Make some (joyful) noise with us!

Soli Deo gloria,

Alan Moser



Schedule of Ministry ~ September 4 to October 2

	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25	October 2
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	Mark Braden	Mike Morgan	Sara Thompson	Peggy Rudesheim
Welcoming Team	Lib Mueller	Peggy Rudesheim	Jane Wosoogh	Laurie doCarmo	Mike Morgan
Ushers	Mark & Kelly Rajotte	Mark & McKayla Braden	Wayne Johnson Barbara Riley	Peg Iber Ellen Cleary	Bob & Mary Blair
8:00am					
Chalice	David Batcheller	Vicky Vivian	Nebiyou Tesfaye	Paul Vivian	Agnes Chapman
Lector	Janet Fallin	Nebiyou Tesfaye	Paul Vivian	Stan Dawson	Vicky Vivian
Psalm	David Batcheller	Vicky Vivian	Nebiyou Tesfaye	Paul Vivian	Agnes Chapman
Prayers	Francesca Wallace	Mark Braden	Mike Morgan	Sara Thompson	Peggy Rudesheim
10:00am					
Sunday School	Summer Break	Francesca Wallace Mary Lowe	Andrew Richard Rosemarie Richard	Heidi Brock Diana Courtney	Francesca Wallace Mary Lowe
10:15am					
Chalice	Pat Rowell	Mary Blair	Peg Iber	Mike Morgan	Amber Tussing
Lesson 1	Ben Justesen	Cheryl Nostrand	Mark Braden	Bill Iber	Nancy Sherick
Psalm	John Thompson	Peg Iber	James Eustis	Pat Rowell	Mary Blair
Lesson 2	Hank Morgan	Mike Morgan	Bob Fitz	Sean Wallace	Bob Blair
Prayers	Marghe Bowker	Mary Lowe	Suzanne Synnestvedt	Francesca Wallace	McKayla Braden
Sacraments	Wallace Family	Laurie doCarmo Anne Patrick	Mark Braden McKayla Braden	Rodriguez Family	Barbara Riley Lib Mueller
Acolyte	Sara Thompson	Zoe Wallace	Pat Rowell	Ben Justesen	Amber Tussing
Nursery Volunteer	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
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 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
28 August Proper 17 Morning Prayer	29	30	31	1 September 10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry	2	3
4 September Proper 18	5 Labor Day	6 7:15p Vestry	7 11am Bible Study resumes 12 p Holy Eucharist with Healing	8 10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry 12:30p Book Club	9	10 8am Brotherhood Breakfast
11 September Proper 19 All Church Picnic Sunday School Starts Adult Forum starts	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 September Proper 20	19	20	21	22 12:30p Book Club	23	24 God's Bounty Booth at St. Luke's Craft Fair
25 September Proper 21	26	27	28	29	30	1 October

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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Start-Up Sunday ~ September 11

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 11. 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 11—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.

