



St. James' Episcopal Church Indian Head, Maryland



June/July 2013



Rector's Ramblings

Over the last few weeks I have had conversations with people who are not parishioners who have asked the same question, "How is St. James' doing?" My response is always, "We are doing great." And I mean that. We are doing great. And then I start to tell them why I think we are doing so well. First, thank God, everyone is pretty healthy. We have no one in the hospital. I only have two people who I visit whom one might think of as "shut-ins" meaning they don't get out much. We have a wonderful group of young people as demonstrated at our Youth Sunday on June 2nd. We have a great group of people who are involved in the church, as I have said before we don't really have people who just come to St. James' on Sunday who don't also contribute to the mission and ministry of the church in some way and that is NOT something every church can say. And we still have new and exciting things going on. We are not a stagnant place.

Two of the new things we have going on involve Haiti. The first is that we have established a formal partnership with one of Jean Fils Chery's churches, St. Patrick in Tom Gâteau, Haïti. That is why we have been praying for the people of St. Patrick in our Prayers of the People each week. They pray for us in their Prayers of the People each Sunday as well. We also have made a commitment to send financial support each month to support the teachers in the school of St. Patrick and to help support Jean Fils in his ministry. Education is crucial if the people of Haiti are ever going to become self-sufficient and Jean Fils is committed to making his schools the best they can be, but can only do that if he can pay good teachers to come and teach in his schools. There are several people in our congregation who are making a commitment to send \$2040 each month to support the school of St. Patrick. If you are willing to help with this please let me know. He has a blog that you can check out and see some of the work going on at St. Patrick (<http://www.perechery.blogspot.com/>).

The other and perhaps most important aspect of a Partnership is building relationships with people and to do that you must meet face to face. Jean Fils has invited us to come and visit him and his congregation in February 2014. He can accommodate 15 people and so far we have about 11 of us interested in going. This is an exciting opportunity. Doug and I are so looking forward to getting back to Haiti and having the chance to share with others why we fell in love with the country and its people. We look forward to making new friends with the people of St. Patrick and bringing their stories back to you as well as sharing with them your stories.

The second thing we are doing is trying to bring two of the seminarians that I worked with while I was in Port-Au-Prince here to the US for a month. Jackson Laguerre and Guimond Pierre Louis were the two seminarians who served as my interpreters while I was at the seminary. Jackson was the seminarian at Notre Dame, Jean Fils' church at the time, and took me there to teach English to the children. Guimond was my interpreter in the class I taught at the seminary. They are remarkable young men who have a deep faith and a great love for the church. They are committed to sharing the Gospel and helping to transform the church of Haiti to become the light of Christ to a broken and impoverished country. Coming to the US and seeing the Episcopal Church here is crucial to their being able to envision what the church can be. We hope that they will be here for the month of August but all is dependent on their obtaining their visas. I know you will make them feel welcome when they arrive. Our bringing them here will be a big part of their formation as priests in the Episcopal Church and it is a gift for us to be a part of this process.

Aside from these new things happening, there are all kinds of good stuff that goes on every day and just the fact that you love God, love and care for each other and those around you, give generously of yourselves and your resources, and come to church - even in the summer (another thing not a lot of churches can say), makes things at St. James' great, just great!

Peace,

Denise

Denise's vacation schedule



Denise will be away on June 17-22, July 13-22 and August 15-18.



Open Your Hearts

By Jr. Warden

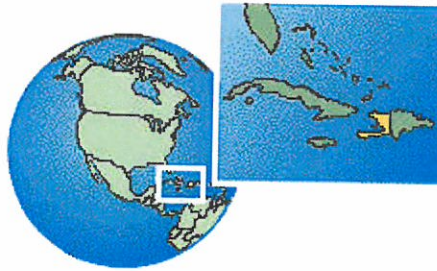
I feel compelled to write my thoughts regarding Haiti.

Only in the last few years have I truly felt God working thru me. I have put myself in his hands and he has presented me with opportunities to help others.

Now I'm feeling the call to go to Haiti and see for myself the struggle of the Haitian people. They have no water or electricity. Who among us could live that way and still be happy and loving? Even food is scarce.

I can't watch what is happening and not do something about it. I'm praying that you will feel that way too, and open your heart to the children in Haiti.

God will show us the way.



Missions Committee

We continue to support mission projects both at home and elsewhere such as Haiti, Honduras, St. Joseph's Indian School, Charles County Hospice, NETS, Bishop Walker School, and local families in need, just to name a few.

As was explained in detail in Denise's Ramblings, we have made a huge commitment to support Jean Fils' church. If there is anyone who can and wishes to help with this monthly payment of \$2040, please see Denise. Your help will be greatly appreciated by all.

Thanks to the St. James' family for your continued generous support of our various projects.





Parish Hall Rental

We are trying to promote the rental of the parish hall as it is a great source of church income. The rates are as follows:

Parishioners of St. James'

Asked to make a donation of \$100.00

Non-parishioners

\$350.00/first 4 hours - Limited use of the kitchen

\$50.00 each additional hour

\$400.00/first 4 hours - Full use of the kitchen

\$50.00 each additional hour

A signed contract is included for the use of the hall.

If you know of anyone that needs to use a hall for a wedding reception, dinner, birthday party, etc., or if you have any questions please have them contact **Karen Burroughs**.



Parish Picnic June 23



The service will begin at 10:00.



Bring a dish to share and a chair for the service.



Please sign up so we know how much chicken to purchase.



If it rains we will picnic in the parish hall.



St James' Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

We will be holding several fundraisers this year. The first will be a Yard Sale being held on August 17th at the church. We will have a meeting on July 2nd to discuss the details. More information will follow.

In Christ's love and peace,
Sheila Gray, ECW President

Dear Friends: Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4.11



FELLOWSHIP

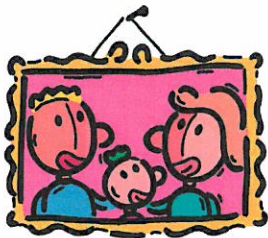
In these past months we have enjoyed a trip to the flower mart at the Cathedral, and dinner and karaoke at Mama Stella's. We truly do have some amazing singers in our church. What great FUN!

Some up-coming events are:

- **Kayaking** followed by a picnic on **July 27th** – Since there is a good chance it will be hot, we thought we would try to do something different. We would have a dinner picnic at the rectory about 5:30 and then go out on the creek at 7:00. It will be cooler then and the sun won't be so bright but it will still be light long enough to get out for about an hour. Please sign up by July 7th so we can get the kayaks reserved for those who need to rent.
- **Game and Hot Dog Night – Wednesday, June 26 @ 4:00**, food around 5:45
- Another amazing **dinner and Karaoke** at Mama Stella's on **June 28th**.
- **Movie Night – July 25th @ 7:00** - two theaters – Theater 1: "The Hero" (Animated Movie about a little boy and his talking baseball – very cute!) Theater 2: "Skyfall" (The latest James Bond – Good Reviews!) Popcorn and Drinks will be provided!
- **Ice Cream Social – August 4th** – after 10:30 o'clock service
- **Pool Party – August** (Date to be determined)

Love in Christ,

Adah



Picture Day



SAVE THE DATE - October 5th and 6th

We will be having a Church Directory company taking pictures for our new Directory. More information will be made available as the dates get closer.

Free Community Spaghetti Dinner



Donations of \$295 were received at the free community spaghetti dinner held on June 3rd. This money was sent to Jean Fils to help pay for a vehicle since his has died.

The next spaghetti dinner will be held on **Monday, July 29th**. We could use some extra sauce.

The Beauty of Spring Tea



Another **SUCCESSFUL** Tea!!!

We had a record number of people in attendance. This fundraiser brought in a net profit of \$1475.75. Thank you to all who helped with the planning, set up, food, and clean-up. We couldn't do it without you.

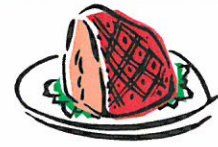


Pulpit Swap

There has been a lot of talk in the Diocese about churches working more closely together in a variety of ways. That is often easier said than done. One reason we are often reluctant to do this is because we don't know each other. In an attempt to start to bridge the gaps in our relationships with our neighboring churches, Denise and The Rev. Molly McCarty who is the Interim at Christ Church Old Durham, will be trading places occasionally throughout the year. The first of these swaps will be **on Sunday, June 30th**. Molly will be here at St. James' for **all three services** and Denise will be at Old Durham that Sunday for their service. Please come and make Molly feel welcomed.



Ham and Crab Cake Dinner



SAVE THE DATE!

September 8, 2013



St James' Memorial Walkway Fundraiser

We are on our second round of bricks. At this time the order has gone in for 25 bricks. One of the bricks is for the garden at the back of the church that will say "Dedicated 5/23/2010 to the Women of St. James". If you have ordered one, you will be contacted once the proofs are back. Thanks so much for you generous contributions!

“Make Peter Fly”



One of our own, Holly Coelho, is very involved in the theater group at McDonough High School. In the fall they will be putting on “Peter Pan” and are raising money for equipment that will allow Peter to fly.



There will be several car washes held at Fosters Grill in Waldorf for this effort. They are being held from **noon to 3** on: **July 7th, 27th** and **August 10th, 24th, 31st**



Beads of Prayer

Beads of Prayer continues to meet twice a month. We have recently sent 175 sets to a Chaplin at Ft Drum, NY. Please join us.

We will meet **June 14 & 28, July 12 & 20, and Aug 9 & 24**. Hope to see you there.

Have a GREAT day! :~)
Martha

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These classes are in la Plata, Waldorf and various places in the area.













God and his TV

Our mission statement:

We generously share our blessings in the name of Christ with the hope of showing God's love to others.

JUNE 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
 10:30 AM Sunday School Awards & Special Service	 5:00 PM Community Spaghetti Dinner		8:00 PM AA Meeting	7:00 PM Choir Practice 8:00 PM NA Meeting		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
			7:00 PM Finance Committee 8:00 PM AA Meeting	8:00 PM NA Meeting	10:00 AM Beading	 Chris & Jessica Wedding
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
 Happy Father's Day		 Sushi Day	8:00 PM AA Meeting	8:00 PM NA Meeting		10:00 AM Beading
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
 Church Picnic - One Service at 10	6:30 PM Vestry Meeting		 4:00 PM Game Day - with Hot Dogs, etc 8:00 PM AA Meeting	8:00 PM NA Meeting	 6:00 PM Dinner and Karaoke at Mama Stella's	
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
 Tom's Birthday	 6:30 PM Missions	 6:30 PM Yardsale Committee Meeting	8:00 PM AA Meeting	 8:00 PM NA Meeting		 7:30 PM Americana Concert featuring Doug, Brenda, Rosalie, Joan, and Tom



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