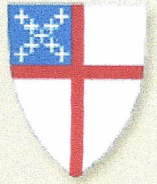


St. James' Episcopal Church Indian Head, Maryland



November 2011



Rector's Ramblings

As I sit to write my newsletter article I am aware that it is stewardship time of year. Every year about this time we start thinking about next year (I know it is hard to believe since it isn't even November yet) and the church budget. That of course means that it is time to send out the annual stewardship letter, that Cathy Jenkins does such a wonderful job with. The stewardship letter is intended to get you all thinking about your pledge to the church and how much you might pledge for next year. Once all the pledge cards are in, the finance committee meets to work out the budget for the next year. This is the "business side of church"; the necessary work that must be done to run the church but pledging is much more than that. Pledging is really mostly about you and God.

Pledging is all about stewardship. When God created human beings and put them over the earth and all earthly things that God created, God made us stewards of all God created. A while back Tom Peterson saw some of the information that St. John's Broad Creek put out about stewardship and asked if we could use some of it. Here is what they had to say about what a steward is: "A Steward is someone who protects and nurtures someone else's property. A Christian steward is responsible for God's property: the gift of life, the gift of this abundant earth, the love of Christ, the Holy Spirit within every human being, the love and fellowship of family and friends. Stewardship is a way for Christians to show heart-felt thanks for these gifts. The steward does so by serving the church in three basic ways: (1) utilizing ones God-given *talents* in service to the church community, (2) allocating meaningful *time* in support of the church's mission of outreach and (3) giving back a percentage of ones *treasure* to sustain the corporate body of the church: its programs, its staff and the physical plant. The biblical standard of giving is the tithe, or 1/10 of income. One is expected to try to work towards this level by starting at about 3% of income and then making regular increases each year. This approach is called "striving to tithe"."

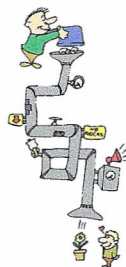
And what does the church do with the financial gifts you offer? Yes, we pay the bills - we keep the lights on, heat the church, pay Jonathan and me, buy office supplies and so on. But reality is, even paying the bills, is all part of the mission and ministry of God being done right here, right now through each and every one of us.

This is all to say that our giving to the church is one of (I do know that most of us also give to many other organizations that help to heal our broken world) the ways we give back to God to show our gratitude for God's gifts and blessings given to us each and every day. Stewardship and pledging certainly does have an aspect of "the business of the church" but it is so much more than that, it is about giving thanks, it is about doing God's work, it is about you and God.

Peace to you,

Denise

Message from the Senior Warden



Denise's Sabbatical

By now I'm sure everyone has heard that we received the Lilly Endowment. Is everyone as excited as I am that our wonderful, loving pastor will have the chance to travel to Haiti, Ireland and Wales? She will have a chance to visit family, meditate and refresh.

So, will we be ok? What will we do during this 3.5 month time period? Well, we will be just fine. We are planning numerous events for this time. We will start with a catered farewell brunch for Reverend Denise. We will have retreats to help us with our spiritual growth. We will have visiting pastors to speak to us about Haiti and Celtic Spirituality. Our very own Reverend Thomas Clay has agreed to be our supply priest during this time.

The Sabbatical Committee will continue to meet during this time to ensure that everything continues to run smoothly. If you ever have any questions, please contact one of the following members:

Sue Dennison
Sharyn Gantt
Sheila Gray
Bertha Gordan

Reverend Denise (until she departs in February)
Adah Morgan
Sue Denison
Tom Peterson

Vestry Notes



Parrish Hall Rental

We are trying to promote the rental of the parish hall as it is a great source of church income. If you know of anyone that needs to use a hall for a wedding reception, dinner, birthday party, etc., please have them contact Karen Burroughs.



Recording System

We are considering the purchase of a recording system to tape the Sunday sermons given by Reverend Denise. Please contact Matt Gray if you have input on this subject. He's looking for feedback on what type of system that we should purchase.



St. Francis Statue

If you haven't already, please take a look at the new 5-foot tall St. Francis of Assisi Statue, the patron saint of animals and ecology. This lovely statue is located on the front lawn. It replaces our old statue which was damaged when it toppled off its base during a summer storm. It can now be found in the rear garden. Thanks to the generosity of Shene Bowie for purchasing this new statue in memory of Marie Robey. Also a special thanks to Denison Landscaping for their help in removing the old platform and installing the new statue.

Free Community Spaghetti Dinner



Donations of \$256 were received at the free community spaghetti dinner held on September 26th. This money will be given to Denise to use where it is most needed in Haiti next spring.

The next spaghetti dinner will be held on **Monday, November 28th**. We need THIN spaghetti and sauce.



Ham and Crab Cake Dinner



If you missed the Ham and Crab Cake Dinner, it was an excellent meal. We realized a profit of approximately \$2,800. This money will be used to cover our parish expenses.

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



FELLOWSHIP

Don't miss Karaoke and dinner night at Mama Stella's in Bryans Road on November 19th at 6:30. We ask for a \$10 per person to cover the DJ. Please sign up ASAP so we can make our reservation the week before.

Join us for Game Night on November 26th in the parish hall at 1 o'clock – until. Please bring a snack to share. Drinks will be provided.

As always, if you have any ideas, please let me know!

Love in Christ,

Adah

Thanksgiving

November 20th

Sunday School will serve a Thanksgiving breakfast to the congregation.

November 24th

Thanksgiving Morning Service will be held at 9:00.



St James' Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

The next meeting will be held on November 13th in the Costain Meeting Room. All women of the church are invited to attend.

In Christ's love and peace,
Bonnie Richardson, ECW President



NETS

(Neighbors Eager to Serve)

It is that time of the year again. We are getting the baskets ready for Thanksgiving and the following items are needed.

Gravy

Cranberries

Stuffing (bagged not instant), veggies

Turkeys in the 12lb range are needed the week before Thanksgiving

Thank you,

Barbara Prasser

Stewardship Sunday

Please return your pledge cards on **Sunday, November 6th**. If you did not receive a pledge letter or card to return and would like one, please let Denise know and she will be sure to get one to you.

YOU ANSWERED OUR CALL

THANK YOU! The response to the request for parishioners to add more money to their pledges has been great. In the month of September, the total contributions for the church have almost doubled. Once again St. James has shown how well we all work together for the good of the church.

In Gratitude,
The Vestry



Advent Series

We will have an Advent Adult Education Series on the four Sundays of Advent following coffee hour. The first one will take place on November 27th. We will meet in the Parish Hall. The topic is Jesus and the Kingdom of God and will use a DVD series by John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg. Please join us.



The Christmas holidays are right around the corner. We will once again remember our friends at the Charles County Nursing Home and the Genesis Nursing Home. I will be providing the "wish lists" that I receive from the residents at these two homes in early December. As always, your generous contributions will be appreciated.

*Thanks,
Doreen Knapp*

Installation of the Episcopal Bishop of Washington



The installation of the Rev. Dr. Mariann Budde is scheduled for Saturday, November 12th at 11 AM at the Washington Cathedral. St. James Choir has been invited to participate.



Messiah Concert

The Fort Washington Community Chorus will present its Messiah concert on Sunday, December 4th at 4 PM at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 5203 St. Barnabas Road, Temple Hills, Maryland. Some members of our choir will be participating.

COMICS by Joshua Gray



Bazaar News - November 5, 2011

Sign-up Sheets - There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board for the following -

Monday, October 31 - Set up the White Elephant Sale - 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, November 3 - Make Apple Dumplings - 10:00 a.m.

Friday, November 4 - Prepare food for Bazaar luncheon - 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, November 5 - Work at the Bazaar - 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Work at the Bazaar in Kitchen - 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Bake Sale Donations

Bake Sale - Please have items for the Bake Sale at the Bazaar by 9:30 a.m. Items should be donated in containers that can be given away. If you are making a cake, please consider making two smaller cakes instead of one large one.

White Elephant Sale - We are collecting items for the White Elephant sale. Please leave donated items in the nursery on the far side of the partition. Items should be marked "White Elephant Sale".

St. James' Tee-Shirts - Navy St. James' tee-shirts are on sale in the Parish Hall. Shirts are \$20.00. We will not be ordering any more navy tee-shirts.

Gift Baskets - Bazaar gift baskets are on display in the Parish Hall. Please continue to support the ECW by making donations to these baskets. Winning tickets will be drawn at the Bazaar. One ticket is \$2.00 - six tickets are \$10.00.

Checks should be made to St. James' ECW. Checks will not be deposited until after the Bazaar.

Thank you for your support.



St. James' Fall Bazaar

Saturday, November 5th
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Basket Drawings

Redskin tickets and gift certificates for Denison Landscaping, Grinder's Seafood, Port Tobacco Players, Mama Stella's, Pizza Hut, iTunes, Chesapeake Water Park, and more

Bake Sale

Homemade Apple Dumplings, Cream Puffs, and more

White Elephant Sale

Free Photo with Santa

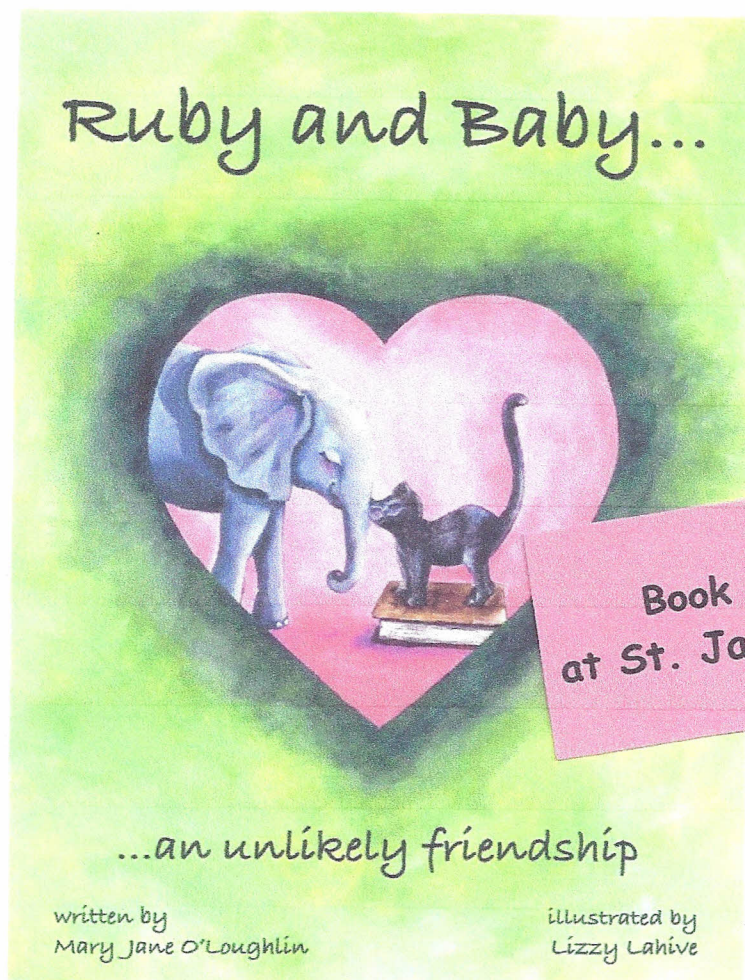
Crafts and Antiques

Lunch

Hot Dogs and homemade BBQ and Chicken Salad

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The sweetest book of the year is finally here:



Book Signing
at St. James' Bazaar

How can a wild baby African elephant and
a semi-urban, American housecat become friends?

Find out in the sweet telling of a unique story about love and friendship.

**Come meet the author, Mary Jane O'Loughlin,
at our Fall Bazaar on November 5, 2011**

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St. James' Business Directory 2011

Name	Business	Contact Information
Brenda Peterson	Cakes, Tutoring	301-399-2779
Jackie Williams	Tutoring	301-641-2122
Sue Denison	Denison Landscaping	301-567-0210
Sue Denison	Denison Design and Embroidery	240-508-1572
Karen and Walter Burroughs	Wedding Coordinator and Photographer	301-283-6692
Angelina Gray	Stampin'Up Demonstrator and Ballet Arts Academy pre-ballet instructor	240-413-3294
Kathleen O'Day	CMMI Consultation	301-292-6227
Jessie and Rachel Davis	Babysitting	301-743-9583
Terrence Johnson	Funeral and Cremation Services	301-392-0000
Duncan Creelman	Insurance	301-843-1400
Julie Bivens	Piano/Organ	301-932-2767
Elizabeth Fusina	The Deranged Magpie Beaded Jewelry	301-375-7704
Diane Parise	Yard work/landscaping	
Martha Williams	Martha's Inspirations Beading, jewelry repair, earrings	240-377-8689
Sherrie Wright	The Wright Start Daycare	301-893-2738
Nerissa Cole	Babysitting	301-283-3770
Kay Cotton	Hope You Dance dance studio	240-508-0090
Chas Scott	carpentry, brick or cement work	301-742-7262

Safe Nights

St. James will again participate in Safe Nights which provides temporary shelter at local churches for homeless persons located in Charles County. This program begins in November and ends in March. Each participating church makes the commitment for one or more weeks. Our scheduled week is November 6th thru 13th.

Various groups within our Parish (Vestry, ECW, Choir) and Community provide meals which consist of a hot dinner, a hot breakfast, and a bag lunch. Contributions of lunch item (fruit, snacks, beverage) would be welcomed. Just leave in the kitchen.

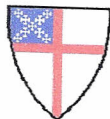
There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to help with any meals, clean up, etc. If you have any questions, please see Tom Peterson.

Our mission statement:

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

NOVEMBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 	31 	1	2 8:00 PM AA Meeting	3  Are You Able? 7:00 PM Choir Practice 8:00 PM NA Meeting	4	 10:00 AM Famous Fall Bazaar
6  Homeless Outreach	7	8  Refuge for the Homeless	9 8:00 PM AA Meeting	10 7:00 PM Choir Practice 8:00 PM NA Meeting	11  Refuge for the Homeless	12  11:00 AM Consecration of Bishop Budde
13	14 6:30 PM Vestry Officer's Meeting	15	16  7:00 PM Finance Committee 8:00 PM AA Meeting	17 7:00 PM Choir Practice 8:00 PM NA Meeting	18	19
20	21 6:30 PM Vestry Meeting	22	23 8:00 PM AA Meeting	24  7:00 PM Choir Practice 8:00 PM NA Meeting	25  Mom's Day Out!	26
27	28 5:00 PM Community Spaghetti Dinner	29	30 6:30 PM Renewal Committee Meeting 8:00 PM AA Meeting	1 7:00 PM Choir Practice 8:00 PM NA Meeting	2	3



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