



St. James' Episcopal Church Indian Head, Maryland



November -December 2014



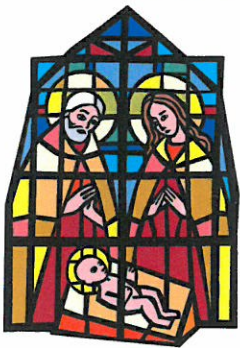
Rector's Ramblings

There is so much in this newsletter that I don't want to take up space with my ramblings as I would rather you take time to read all about the happenings here at St. James' and at the other Episcopal Churches in Charles County.

The one thing I will say is that I hope you take time this busy season to stop and have some time with Christ as we prepare to celebrate his birth and as we prepare his Kingdom here on earth awaiting his return. I know this is easier said than done with all that is happening here at church, at work, at home, with family, shopping and cooking and baking and all you have to do, but to use a phrase that actually drives me crazy, "Jesus is the reason for the season" and it is easy to forget that with life going at warped speed around us.

I pray you take time to just be present to our Lord, to let him speak to your heart, and prepare with joyful expectation for Christmas.

Peace,
Denise+



Christmas Services:

7:00pm Christmas Eve is our pageant service

9:30pm Christmas Eve is the Christmas Carol sing

10:00pm Christmas Eve service

If anyone would like to come to church on Christmas Day, please let Denise know and there will be a service, otherwise, there will be no service on Christmas Day.



Phone Tree

If you are new, have moved, or have a new number, please put it on the list on the board for our St. James' phone tree. This is the automated phone message that goes out to the congregation if there is bad weather, a death, or other news we need to get out to you fast. Remember, it doesn't come up as St. James' and it takes a few seconds for the recording to start.

Bad Weather Policy

Just a reminder that St. James' Church follows the Charles County School closings so if the schools close – so are we and meetings, choir rehearsal, etc. are cancelled at St. James'. The only exception is Sunday Services. We always have services, but please do not put yourself in DANGER driving here.



Advent Lessons and Carols – On Sunday, November 30th we will be having our annual Lessons and Carols service at 9:00. This is the **only service** this Sunday. It is a wonderful way to begin the season of Advent so come and join us for this kick off to this Holy Season.



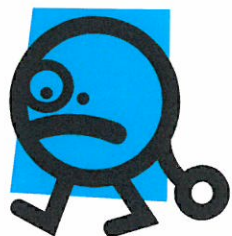
Thanksgiving Service

There will be a service on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00. Put your turkey in and come give thanks for all the blessings God has given you and your family this year.

Advent Quiet Day



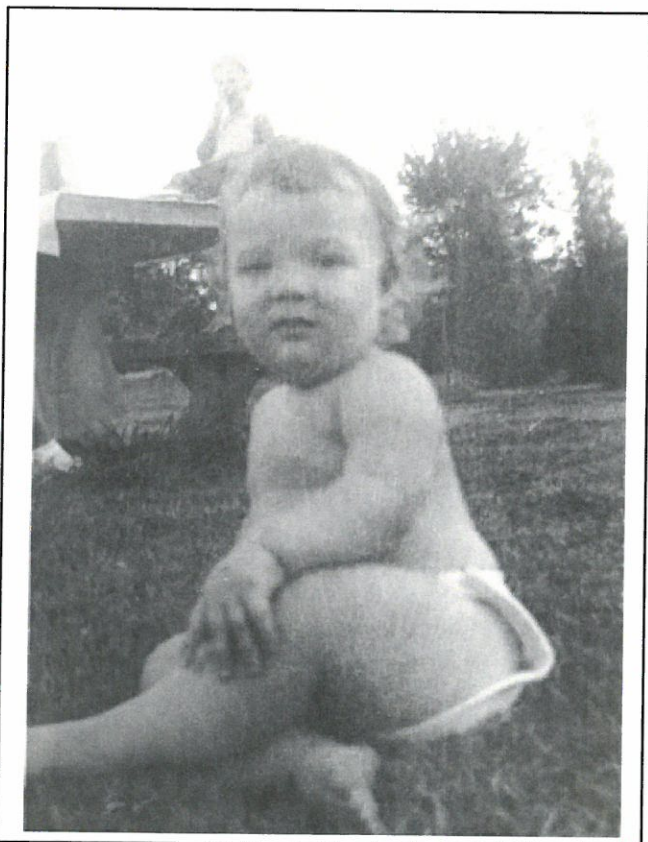
The Charles County Episcopal Churches are having an Advent Quiet Day on **Saturday, December 6th from 9:00 – 1:00**. This is a day of quiet mediation and prayer to help get you into the Season of Advent and prepare for Christmas in a holy Church. Please let Denise know if you would be interested in attending.



Blue Christmas

Not everyone is excited for the Holidays. Sometimes loss or loneliness makes celebrating Christmas difficult. On Sunday December 21st at Christ Church La Plata the Charles County Episcopal Churches are having an evening to support those for whom the holidays are a challenge. Watch the bulletin for the times or see Denise for more information.

GUESS WHO THIS ST JAMES' PARISHIONER IS!



My name is not Sue,

My eyes are not blue.

One other thing,

I have no tattoo.

(The answer to the last challenge is Mary
Scott)

Haiti News

We have committed to helping Jean-Fils' School, St. Matthieu's. The following fundraisers have helped to provide the money needed to pay the teachers of this school. We would love to be able to buy the books the students need so they will not have to waste precious learning time writing everything down by hand, but the cost is more than we can handle right now. The following are the fundraisers we have held and those in the near future.



50-50 Raffles – We held a 50-50 raffle at the spaghetti dinner and the bazaar. The winner at the bazaar won \$146.00 and donated \$20.00 back to us. We will continue to do one at each major event, i.e. Spaghetti Dinners and the December Tea.

Up On The Hill and Through the Town – The Haiti project will be selling cookies and our pickled carrots at this year's Indian Head Businesses Open House and Vendor Expo. The event is **November 18th**, from **11-6** at various businesses throughout town. We aren't sure which business we will be set up in but will announce it as soon as we know. Come enjoy the day and a chance to win a gift basket. The Town Trolley will be providing rides up and down 210.

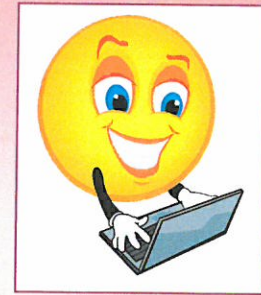
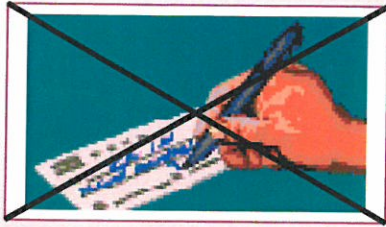


Bake Sale – Get your Thanksgiving desserts!! The second of our Haiti Project bake sales will be a "Pie Sale". There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board, so you can order the pies you will need for your Thanksgiving Dinner or just to eat. This list will ensure that the pies you want are ready and waiting for you. They can be picked up on Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning so they will be fresh for your enjoyment.

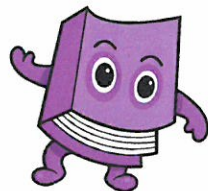


Peace,
Denise





Some of us are using the PayPal option for paying our weekly pledges and finding it to be very easy to do. Just set up your own PayPal account (this takes no time to do) then go to our website and click on the Donate button at the bottom of the page. You put in your amount, your email and password. You can put a message to Tom so he knows it's your pledge and click. You get a statement from PayPal so you know it went through. It is protected and safe. Then on Sunday, I put my envelope in the collection plate with a note on it saying – PayPal and the amount. That way my offering gets blessed with all the others. If you hate writing checks – try it!



Our FACEBOOK Page

Remember our Facebook page? We are asking all of our parishioners who are on Facebook to please “like” our page and to ask their local friends to also “like” our page. This helps to spread the good news and to get St. James’ noticed. Further, we are asking you to please share on your page any of our posts when we are advertising an event at the church. Our page will begin to include more pictures and events to help keep you informed and create a social media buzz.



Ever wondered how those delicious St James’ carrots are made that are served at most of the dinners? What are the ingredients and how is it all put together? Well here’s your chance to find out! There will be a carrot making party on Wednesday, November 12, starting at 10 am. Just meet in the kitchen.



St James' Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

Attention all church ladies. Please join us once per month for our ECW committee meeting. The committee meets every second Sunday, alternating each month between a 9:00 am and a noon meeting time. We'd love to have you as we plan our events, i.e. Fashion Show, Spring Dinner, Yard Sale, Fall Bazaar – just to name a few.

Sheila Gray – President
Clare Phillips – Vice President
Karen Burroughs – Secretary
Adah Morgan – Treasurer

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

Free Community Spaghetti Dinner



Donations of \$340.50 were received at the free community spaghetti dinner held on Sep 29th.

Our next Community Dinner is November 24th. We need sauce, thin spaghetti and dressings - Italian, Ranch, French and Thousand Island.

Offertory

The question came up as to how the ushers pick whom to ask about bringing up the gifts each Sunday. Well, the short answer is the folks who sit towards the back get asked. But we know that there are others out there who would like to bring the gifts up. So we are putting a sign up sheet up on the board for anyone who would like to be asked to bring the gifts up at the offertory. The ushers will use this list to ask people to help bring our gifts forward.



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



FELLOWSHIP

We will have a **Christmas Karaoke** on **December 19th at 6:30**. Please come and join us for some Christmas celebrating. We will get pizza for dinner and ask that you bring a snack, your beverage, and a contribution for our DJ. We are also **taking up a collection to get Bill** (the DJ) a little something for doing all our karaoke nights for just whatever we collect. If you would like to contribute to this please see Denise or Sheila Gray before the 19th.

Love in Christ,

Adah

GRACE

A small group in our parish has formed a group called GRACE (Gods, Reach, Action, Compassion, and Euchuarist). The purpose of the group is to provide visitation and communion, a meal, a ride or whatever need arises to those who are home bound and/or lonely. Over the past two months we have made 15 home visits, taken meals, and sent many cards. If you have a need or know of someone in our parish who could use some assistance, please let us know.

Adah Morgan (301-375-8596), Brenda Peterson (301-399-2779), Linda Mohler (301-753-6059), or Mary Ann Cobb (240-377-8416).



On Beads of Prayer Ministry

Beads of Prayer Ministry is taking a short hiatus. We will not meet in November or December. We will begin again in January. Enjoy the holidays and see you next year!

Have a GREAT day!
Martha



NETS (Neighbors Eager To Serve)

We are once again doing Baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We need: 12-15 lb turkeys, stuffing, turkey gravy, canned sweet potatoes, boxed instant potatoes, canned cranberry sauce, mac & cheese, canned fruits, green beans, and corn.

Save the Date: On February 14, 2015, we will have a fundraising Sweetheart Dinner. We will be serving Parmesan Chicken, Potatoes, Green Beans, and Carrots.

A big thanks to St. James for always being so supportive.

Sincerely,

Barbara Prasser (B2).

December 13th Clean Up Day



Come help get the leaves up and spruce up the church.

We start at 9:00. Bring your rakes, blowers, etc.

Congratulations!!!

Barbara Prasser was presented with an award for Senior Citizen Volunteer of the Year. The presentation was held at a luncheon in Glen Burnie. There were 46 honorees and about 600 people in attendance. We are so proud of you, Barbara. Thank you for all you do !!!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



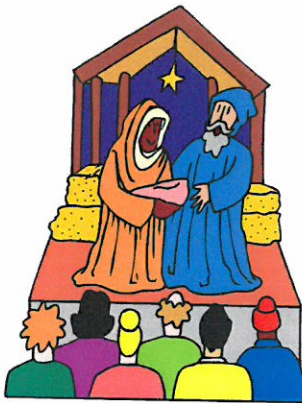
All children are invited to participate in St. James' Sunday School and the children events that occur at the church. Sunday School starts each Sunday at 9:45 a.m., after the children's service.

Upcoming children's events are:

Parents Breakfast – Sunday, November 23

Caroling at the nursing home – Sunday, December 21

Christmas Pageant – Wednesday, December 23



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Please mark your calendars for this year's Christmas pageant to be held on Wednesday, **December 24 at 7:00 p.m.** If your child can participate in the pageant, contact Brenda Peterson. Practices are held after the 10:30 a.m. service each Sunday. All children are invited to attend.



St. James Annual Christmas Tea

December 6, 2014

At The Pavilion in Indian Head, Md.

12:00 noon to 2:30 pm

Tickets \$17.00 per adult
Children 12 under \$8.50

Door prizes, Tea cup contest
Join us to start the Holiday Season



VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2015 COFFEE HOUR

Each Sunday at least two parishioners are needed to donate a snack and to coordinate that week's coffee hour. The coffee and other drinks, along with the plates and eating utensils, are provided by the church. The more parishioners that volunteer, the less each person will need to provide on their selected Sundays. If you are interested in helping, or if you have any questions, please contact Sheila Gray. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board. If you already help out, there is no need to sign-up.

Thanks in advance.

12TH NIGHT CELEBRATION

We are once again doing our Twelfth Night Celebration on Tuesday, January 6th at 6:00. This was a big hit last year and lots of fun. This year, Old Durham, Christ Church La Plata, and Wayside as well as Piney are being invited to join us here at St. James, so it should be a great party. There will be a sign-up sheet in December and more information in bulletins, but mark your calendars now!



*A Community tradition.....
Start the holiday season with a classical music experience!*

THE FORT WASHINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS

Directed by Barry Hemphill

HANDEL'S *Messiah*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7th ~ 4:00 P.M.

Seating begins at 3:30 p.m. ~ No reservations required

ADMISSION: NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS FOR THE
OXON HILL FOOD PANTRY & THE FORT WASHINGTON FOOD PANTRY
CASH DONATIONS ALSO ACCEPTED

PROVIDENCE – FORT WASHINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10610 Old Fort Road, Fort Washington, Maryland 20744

To join and for additional information call (301) 248-4290

COME AND BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Sponsored by: *Ruth Gregory Soper Memorial Fund, Prince George's Arts Council (PGAC), Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC), St. John's Episcopal Church, MNCPPC, Provident Fort Washington United Methodist Church*

Please come to see our choir members who will be singing in this concert! We will all meet for dinner after the concert. It will be an evening of fun!



Interested in remembering that special someone with flowers on the altar?

Contact Diane Ryan if you want to get on the list for 2015.



The Story

The story of Laundry Love began with T-Bone (Eric), a homeless gentleman living in Ventura Calif. In one particular conversation, a question was asked of him: “T-Bone, how can we come alongside your life in a way that would matter?” His response was honest and practical. “If I had clean clothes I think people would treat me like a human being.”

Food and shelter are basic needs, but clean clothes can mean a renewed level of self-respect for the underprivileged. Laundry Love, a charity based in Portland, Oregon, aims to help people who are struggling financially by partnering with local laundromats to offer free laundry services. According to Laundry Love’s national director, Greg Russinger, it all began in 2002, when he and his friends offered to help a homeless man named Eric, a.k.a. T-Bone, in Ventura, California. Russinger and fellow volunteers found a local laundromat and provided the money and supplies to wash the clothes of T-Bone and other community members in need. The Ventura branch of Laundry Love has remained active ever since. In the years that followed, Laundry Love has provided an estimated 450,000 loads of laundry to about 300,000 people, according to Russinger. Beneficiaries include the jobless, the homeless, immigrants, victims of natural disasters and others who find themselves financially strapped.

“When you’re washing clothes, all you have is time and each other,” Russinger said. “It can be a sustainable place to receive care, and find friendship, and just feel that the weight of their experience can become shared.” “I’ve had several people tell me that Laundry Love has been a big benefit because some weeks they have to decide between laundry or food for their families.”

With more than 300 Laundry Love programs registered nationwide, the program earned additional attention when NPR reported on the dynamic of a gathering in Huntington Beach, California. The charity aims to bring a social component to the weekly and monthly events, often offering more than just detergent and drier sheets in the process. “At some locations, we’ve done everything from after-school tutoring to basic medical care to bringing in food -- It kind of takes on a life of its own.”

Each Laundry Love is unique. It gives you an opportunity to move past an issue — like, I can’t solve the issue of homelessness, but I can help an individual who needs some compassion and some clean clothes. There have been many examples of people who were helped by Laundry Love and gratefully returned with a contribution of their own when they had landed a job.

While clean clothes won’t solve every problem, it’s a start. It’s just kind of an open hand and a willingness to listen.

St. James’ is beginning our own Laundry Love. Please come out and support this effort!

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

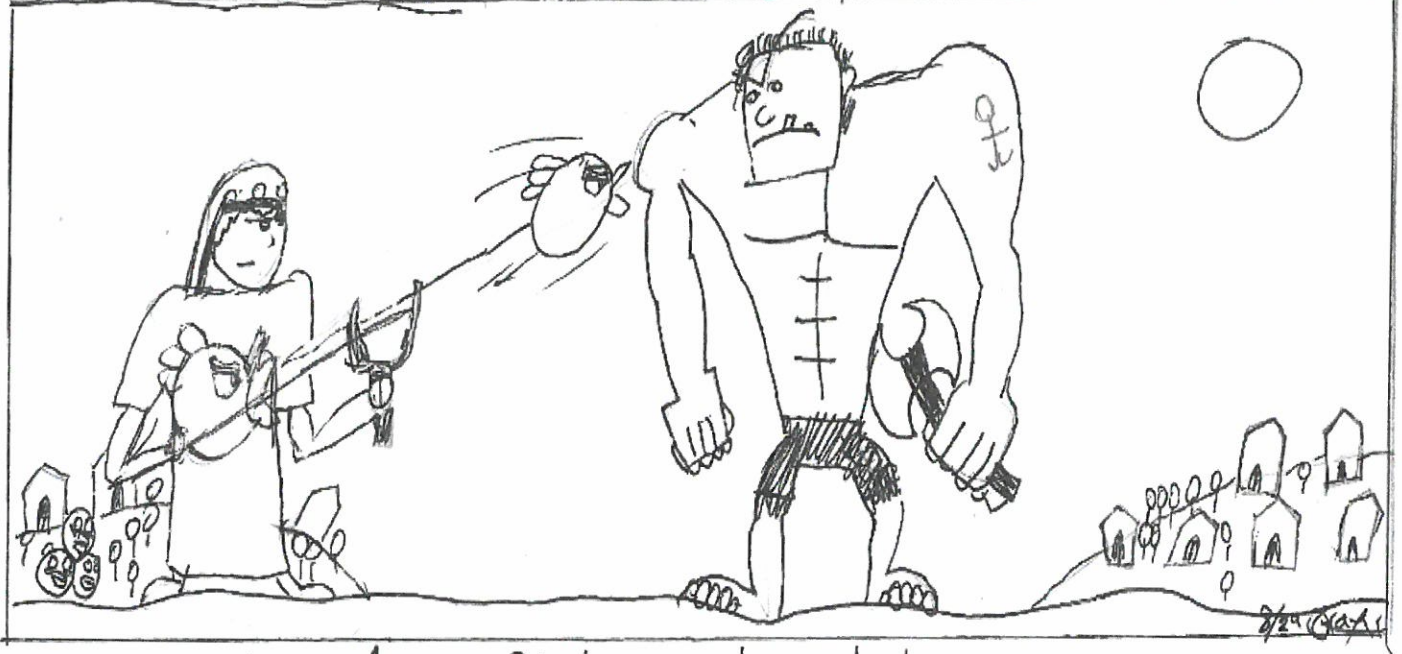
4:00 – 9:00 P.M.

Indian Head Laundromat

NOVEMBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Services are at 8, 9:15 (Family), 10:30 (with Choir) 12:30 PM Confirmation Class	27	28	29 8:00 PM AA Meeting	30 7:00 PM Choir Practice 8:00 PM NA Meeting	31 10:00 AM Making Apple Dumplings	1  10:00 AM St. James' Famous Fall Bazaar
2 Safe Nights this Week Services are at 8, 9:15 (Family), 10:30 (with Choir)	3  Safe Nights this Week	4 Safe Nights this Week	5 Safe Nights this Week 8:00 PM AA Meeting	6 Safe Nights this Week 7:00 PM Choir Practice 8:00 PM NA Meeting	7  Safe Nights this Week	8 Safe Nights this Week
9 Safe Nights this Week Services are at 8, 9:15 (Family), 10:30 (with Choir)	10	11	12  10:00 AM Carrot Making Party 7:00 PM Finance Committee 8:00 PM AA Meeting	13 12:00 PM Bag Lunch and a movie (6 session: Jesus and the Kingdom of God a study) 7:00 PM Choir Practice 8:00 PM NA Meeting	14 10:00 AM Beads of Prayer	15 Safe Nights this Week
16 Services are at 8, 9:15 (Family), 10:30 (with Choir)	17 6:30 PM Vestry Meeting	18  Up On The Hill and Through the Town	19 8:00 PM AA Meeting	20 7:00 PM Choir Practice 8:00 PM NA Meeting	21	22 10:00 AM Beads of Prayer
23  Services are at 8, 9:15 (Family), 10:30 (with Choir) 9:00 AM Parent's Breakfast	24  5:00 PM Community Spaghetti Dinner	25	26 8:00 PM AA Meeting	27  9:00 AM Thanksgiving Day Service at 9 7:00 PM Choir Practice 8:00 PM NA Meeting	28	29
30  LESSONS & CAROLS One Service today at 9 - Lessons and Carols	31 1	2	3 8:00 PM AA Meeting	4 7:00 PM Choir Practice 8:00 PM NA Meeting	5	6

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How Angry Birds was invented

Our mission statement:

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



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